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Bad cyclists create new laws

Transit. Study is using rule-breaking bikers to improve infrastructure

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Before you roll your eyes at a Toronto cyclist rolling through a stop sign, Wes Marshall suggests looking in the mirror.

"I think everybody that uses the transportation system is a criminal," the University of Colorado professor said. "People who drive go a few miles over the speed limit and pedestrians will jaywalk."

But while we often turn a blind eye to lead-footed drivers or impatient pedestrians, Marshall believes, society is less tolerant of scofflaw cyclists. All that rule-bending — and breaking — could help pave the way, however, toward tools that help cyclists navigate streets easier.

Marshall and his colleagues have launched a poll at scofflawbiking.org, which asks people how likely they are to follow the rules of the road as they walk, bike or drive.

The results could help form the basis for future urban planning and improving cycling infrastructure.

"There are definitely reckless cyclists out there, but I think they're a small percentage," Marshall said. "I suspect a lot of cyclists may not follow the rules for reasons that are really rational, whether it's for safety or other reasons."

For example, many cyclists will coast through stop signs to save energy, while others start pedalling before a light turns green to avoid cycling too closely to vehicles.

Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb knows about those tricks.

"I'll often jump the green, and it's because you're out front, you're visible and drivers can see you," Kolb said. "It feels safer."

Drivers irked by scofflaw cyclists would do well to support plans for things such as additional bike lanes since there's a correlation between increased infrastructure and better-behaved cyclists, Kolb and Marshall said.

RIDING TO CLASS ON ONE WHEEL

Denton Liu, 17, wows his classmates with his unicycle skills outside Martingrove Collegiate in Toronto on Wednesday. Liu has become known for riding his unicycle to school, no matter the weather or challenge. See story, page 6. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

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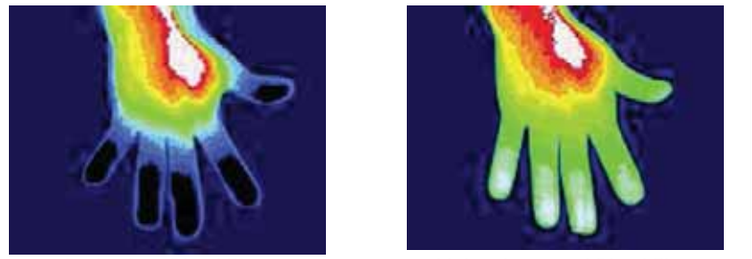

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Annoyed Aurora man mails in his uncollected trash

Proof. Jeff Ketelaars posts video of garbage trucks sailing by online

Jeff Ketelaars at his home on Tuesday, with the video he made on his laptop. Ketelaars says he put his garbage out as usual for pickup, but the GFL trucks failed to pick it up. He even went so far as to make a video over the failed pickup when he got little positive response from the firm. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

On a recent Saturday, Jeff Ketelaars double-bagged the gross parts of his trash, along with the more pleasant dry parts, and packed both into sturdy cardboard boxes. Then he mailed his garbage to the company responsible for waste collection in Aurora.

"I just couldn't leave this alone. I didn't want to be helpless. I came in and I told my daughter, 'I'm going to mail my garbage,' and she looked at me like I had two heads," he says.

The Town of Aurora says this is the first time someone has mailed their trash in protest.

"It's an unfortunate way to respond to the situation, but if that's how this resident chose to do it, that's his choice, I guess," said Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's director of infrastructure and environment services.

Green For Life (GFL) Environmental Corp. takes care of waste collection in Ketelaars' Aurora neighbourhood. The trucks come every Thursday, and in his experience, later in the day, he says. On Dec. 11, a very snowy day, his garbage and recycling weren't picked up, so he called to ask why. He says he was told the bags weren't at the curb.

"It hit me halfway through the conversation — wait a minute, I've got a camera and I bet it's on the camera," he says.

Clips from his motion-activated security camera, which he has posted online, show the trash and recycling going out at 9:38 a.m. and a garbage truck driving by at 6:38 p.m., driving the opposite direction at 6:58 p.m., followed by a recycling truck at 8:20 p.m. and 8:29 p.m.

Frustrated by seeing the trucks ignoring his offering, he made a tongue-in-cheek video about the intrigue.

He said he would have understood if GFL had told him things were complicated by the snow.

"All I wanted was some acknowledgement that they missed it, some assurance that next week I wouldn't have twice as much garbage and they weren't going to take it.... Instead I was told my garbage wasn't by the curb."

In the spirit of playfulness and to make a point about customer service, he spent $63 mailing four boxes of his trash.

Simanovskis says Aurora shares a database with GFL and also investigates complaints. About 20 per cent of complaints are "not-picked-up calls," and "upon investigation it was either because they were late set-outs or because the material was unacceptable for pickup," he explains.

He says GPS indicates the trucks came by the Ketelaars residence before 7:30 a.m. on the day in question. Simanovskis says Ketelaars missed that early morning pick-up, and the trucks that appear in the evening on the video footage are likely just driving through the area and would be discouraged from making late-day pick-ups if they'd already been by.

When asked for comment, GFL said it had nothing to add to the town's explanation.

Ketelaars disputes the town's version of events. He says he reviewed his security footage from 5:55 a.m. onward: "No GFL trucks drove by at all. One private snowplow drove by a couple times, a white van drove by and a pickup truck drove by. Other than that, it was just me taking my trash out and heading off to work," he wrote in an email.

He also doesn't understand why garbage trucks would be driving through his area on their way to somewhere else, as he lives on a cul-de-sac. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Tory takes the plunge from CEO's salary to mayor's pay

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Toronto's mayor will get a pay bump later this month — pushing John Tory's compensation from $177,499 to about $180,000, but leaving him in the middle of the pack for big-city mayors.

If you were to break down the salaries of other Canadian mayors, they are paid, on average, 34 cents per citizen annually. Tory will be paid seven cents by each Torontonian this year, which puts him at the very bottom of the per-capita list, according to a Metro calculation.

But don't worry: Tory can afford to be mayor because he's a millionaire. Turns out, Rob Ford is, too.

It raises the question: do you have to be a millionaire to take the pay cut that comes with running Canada's largest city?

It's an important factor to consider when looking at politicians' pay here — and everywhere else for that matter, said Columbia Institute director Charley Beresford.

"It's very, very important that anyone who has aspirations of political office is able to consider it from a financial point of view," she said. "Keep in the mind the whole idea of democracy of opportunity.

"The wage should be something that can support someone to do that work well."

People who seek public office are "privately wealthy" and by earning a high salary may want to "make a donation to a cause," said Beresford, whose Vancouver-based organization is dedicated to building inclusive, sustainable communities.

Canada's top-earning mayor, Naheed Nenshi in Calgary, is taking that approach. With a raise approved this week bringing his pay to $216,000, Nenshi posted on his blog that he'll donate more than usual to charity.

Then again, there is at least one argument for paying less, said Scott Hennig, vice-president of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

"The theory of pay them a ton is pretty clear: you can poach them from industries that are paying them a ton already," he said. "With the pay-them-nothing argument, you will get people who are truly interested in public service."

Different societies have different approaches.

"If you look at Singapore, they pay their politicians tons of money; they treat them like they're the CEOs of a major corporation," Hennig said. "Other places, like most U.S. states, pay their politicians little to nothing."

Canadian salaries are, in general, high enough to attract a wide range of candidates but not so steep that politicians are only in it for the money, he noted.

"You did just attract a CEO in Toronto; you attracted a guy who certainly isn't doing it for the money," Hennig said. "I don't think your current system is working poorly when you're attracting John Tory-level CEOs."

So, how should we decide what our leaders earn?

Hennig puts a variety of approaches on the table.

"We think all politicians' salaries should be set by random people," he said. "You may think I'm joking, but I'm not."

He suggests picking random people from the voters list, putting them in a room and asking them for a dollar amount.

That number could then be indexed to inflation and put to a public vote.

The taxpayers federation has occasionally "kicked around" another unusual idea: pay politicians the average of their private-sector salary for the three years before they took office.

But, Hennig said, that could lead to "extremes."

"You could end up getting a retired hockey player like Phil Kessel running for the mayor of Toronto and end up having to pay him $7 million a year or something."

Mayor John Tory at a rally in support of the victims of the Paris terror attacks at Nathan Phillips Square on Jan. 11. Tory's compensation leaves him in the middle of the pack for big-city mayors. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No small potatoes

"It seems odd, at first blush: why is Calgary No. 1 when it's not the biggest city? But it is the third-largest; it's not like it's Moose Jaw."

Scott Hennig, vice-president of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, on mayoral pay in Canada

How other cities stack up

What other Canadian mayors get paid

A selection of pay for mayors across Canada. Statistics were taken from a 2014 report to Toronto city council. Total compensation was reported by the cities and includes base salary, the value of tax exemptions, payment for sitting on city boards or committees, bonuses, per diems and perks, such as use of a car service. It does not include office expenses, work-related travel expenses or health benefits.

City of Edmonton

Don Iveson

— Operating budget: $2,082,000,000
— Population: 817,498
— Total mayor compensation: $205,842
— Mayor compensation per citizen: $0.25

City of Montreal

— Operating budget: $4.9 billion
— Population: 1,698,062
— Total mayor compensation: $160,977
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City of Mississauga (Region of Peel)

Bonnie Crombie

— Operating budget: $370 million
— Population: 743,000
— Total mayor compensation: $191,272
— Mayor compensation per citizen: $0.26

Halifax Regional Municipality

— Operating budget: $823 million
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City of Vancouver

Gregor Robertson

— Operating budget: $1.2 billion
— Population: 640,900
— Total mayor compensation: $154,347
— Mayor compensation per citizen: $0.24

Council strikes committee to focus on climate change

Toronto city council is getting more serious about tackling climate change.

Council's parks and environment committee has given the go-ahead to create a subcommittee tasked with looking closely at the issue and making appropriate recommendations.

It will be an opportunity to sit down with experts, policy makers, scientists and the public to talk about what needs to happen in the city, said Coun. Mike Layton, who led the charge on forming the committee.

"It's about ensuring that there's enough time on the council's schedule to talk about climate change consistently," he said.

It's "not just talking about flooding when it floods, not just talking about cold-weather warnings when it gets cold but making sure we talk about those issues all year round."

Climate change committee

The new city council committee will be chaired by Coun. Gord Perks.

- Other members are councillors Mike Layton, Sarah Doucette and Joe Cressy.

Toronto has seen its fair share of climate-change effects, Layton said, ranging from last year's ice storm and polar vortex to more rain in the spring, summer and fall, Layton said.

People can individually take the responsibility of adopting lifestyle habits that help fight climate change; the city, on the other hand, should continue to tackle planning and execution of specific policies tied to the issue, Layton said.

"It gets down to reducing our consumption of greenhouse-gas emissions," he said.

"Fortunately, many of those lifestyle choices save us money, too."

The new subcommittee is a replica of two others created last term. Those, chaired by Layton, examined the possible effects of opening a downtown casino and the expansion of Billy Bishop Airport.

Coun. Mike Layton led the charge on forming Toronto's climate-change committee. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Inspection blitz uncovers 8,000 youth safety violations

A Ministry of Labour inspection blitz has uncovered almost 8,000 youth safety violations in Ontario workplaces.

Inspectors found almost four violations per workplace on average, an increase on a previous blitz focused more broadly on vulnerable workers. That round of investigations found around an average of 2.4 infractions per workplace.

The latest checkups were conducted between May and August 2014, and involved over 2,500 workplace visits to ensure training and safety standards for new and young employees were being met.

In addition to issuing 7,941 compliance orders, which tell employers they are breaking the law and give a deadline to make changes, the ministry also handed out 156 "stop work" orders. These indicate that a violation poses an imminent danger to a worker and must be stopped immediately.

Health and safety

Health and safety training is mandatory for workers and supervisors across the province. New and young employees are particularly vulnerable in the workplace, and are three times more likely to be hurt in their first month on the job than any other time in their career, according to the ministry.

The most common infractions were for failing to assess the risk of workplace violence, not having a violence and harassment policy, and failing to take "reasonable precautions" to protect young workers' health and safety. Collectively, these represented 20 per cent of all orders issued by the ministry.

Andrew Langille, a Toronto-based labour lawyer, said the inspection results "point to the problem that young workers are increasingly being exposed to vulnerabilities in the workplace and frankly unsafe work environments."

"My thought is that the current enforcement strategy is failing … what we have now is too few inspectors being asked to do too much," Langille said.

Craig MacBride, a spokesperson for Labour Minister Kevin Flynn, said workplace injuries in Ontario declined overall by 30 per cent between 2004 and 2011.

"This is great progress, but, as the inspection blitz shows, there's always more to be done when it comes to worker safety," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Denton Liu has been riding his unicycle through the winter for the past five years. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Student takes unicycling to new heights

Brave commuter. Teen making statement with one-wheel ride

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Neither rain nor snow nor lack of a second wheel can keep Denton Liu from riding to school.

Even earlier this week, when the mercury dipped to -19 C, the 17-year-old could be seen riding his unicycle to and from Martingrove Collegiate in Etobicoke.

Liu and his unicycle got their 15 minutes of fame Wednesday, when a photo of him unicycling landed on the front page of the Toronto subReddit. After a friend alerted him to the posting, Liu jumped into the thread and answered questions about all-weather unicycling.

"Unicycling in the snow isn't too different from regular unicycling," he said. "Although the paths I take are plowed pretty well."

Liu took up unicycling five years ago, and has been riding through the winter ever since. There were some tumbles at first, but he's since got the hang of it.

"It's actually a bit safer than biking because you don't have handlebars in front of you," he told Metro. "If you fall off, you land on your feet."

Even after years of single-wheel commuting, Liu says his favourite thing about unicycling is the quizzical looks he gets from passersby.

"Those bewildered stares make my day sometimes," he said.

As for his least favourite thing?

"Everyone who sees me tends to shout 'Where's the other wheel?" Liu said. "Trust me, that's not an original comment."

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Transit

Metrolinx friends-ride-free policy under fire

Free GO service for Metrolinx employees and their guests is drawing fire from government critics as the regional transit service prepares to hike its fares on Feb. 1.

Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Most transit agencies, including the TTC, Mississauga and York Region Transit, let their employees ride for free.

But the Metrolinx policy, now being reviewed internally by the provincial agency, is unique in that it allows its 3,200 employees to travel on GO with a guest.

It's the plus-one part of the policy that "deserves particular scrutiny, so that's exactly what they're going to be taking a look at," said Ontario Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca.

In a discussion with Metrolinx chair Robert Prichard on Wednesday, Del Duca said, "There was a very clear understanding for the need to review."

Provincial NDP transportation critic Cheri DiNovo said the policy is part of a "culture of secrecy and entitlement" at Metrolinx.

"She likened it to Metrolinx's Union Pearson Express (UPX) train fares that are considered too expensive by many Toronto area residents.

The free-ride policy, which does not include UPX, allows employees to experience the system first-hand and to introduce it to those who may be unfamiliar with GO, said Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins.

"We want to encourage our staff to use our system, to be the eyes and ears of our system. When they are on the system they are working.

"They're expected to assist if customers are ill, there's an emergency (or) there's a fatality. So they do that frequently," she said.

GO fares go up between 10 cents and 50 cents per ride next month, in part to help pay for service expansion, said Del Duca.

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Family worries coyotes might harm children after dog killed

Caledon. Father says aggressive coyotes could take down a child after 50-pound dog falls prey to pack

At a glance

- With a spate of reports on coyote attacks in the GTA this past fall on small dogs — as well as humans — some residents worry that animals are unafraid of humans.
- "It may be there are just a few bad apples that are sort of ruining it for everyone," said Brent Patterson, a research scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources. "It might be the same animals that have learned that small pets make a reasonable food source."
- Patterson said coyote populations peaked in Southern Ontario in 2010 but have since been declining. A person encountering one should make noise, not turn back and retreat, he added.

A Caledon family is worried about possible coyote attacks on children, after a suspected pack of coyotes snatched their 50-pound terrier-Doberman cross last weekend.

Mark Rogers said he let his 12-year-old dog, Jessie, out in their expansive backyard late Saturday night along with their large, "scary looking" Rottweiler, Sampson. Sampson returned. Jessie did not.

After a sleepless night, her owners found blood-soaked patches of snow, a bloody collar and coyote tracks leading out of their backyard on Sunday morning. "There was no doubt, she was ripped apart," said Mark Rogers, Jessie's owner.

Rogers said his family has spotted coyotes on their property, which backs onto a wooded area and ravine, a handful of times in recent years. Last week, his wife saw five or six coyotes travelling across their backyard.

The suspected attack is not the first for Jessie, said Rogers.

Three or four years ago, Rogers watched the dog sprint off in the dark toward a group of eight large canines. By the time he opened the door, "her hind end was all torn up and bloody," he said.

On Saturday, Rogers' wife, Naomi, stayed up all night waiting for the dog to return. At 7 a.m., she went out for a walk and returned in tears.

"She said, 'I found the blood, I found the blood,' " Rogers said.

Rogers went outside and found a patch of coyote tracks 20 feet in diameter. Ten feet away, he found snow soaked with blood. There were distinct "drag marks" and patches of blood for another 40 feet, he said.

He found Jessie's collar "covered in blood" but no body.

Jessie, a terrier/Doberman cross, with a family member. Jessie disappeared from the family's home in Caledon on Saturday. COURTESY OF MARK ROGERS

Caledon's public works department said it has no immediate plans to stop the coyotes, adding that the animal services department doesn't have the capacity to deal with wild animals.

Rogers fears for his surviving dog, 120-pound Sampson, and worries coyotes could attack small children in the area.

"If they could take out Jessie, a six-year-old child who weighs about the same — she'd have no chance," he said, adding that his 15-year-old son doesn't like to go outside at night.

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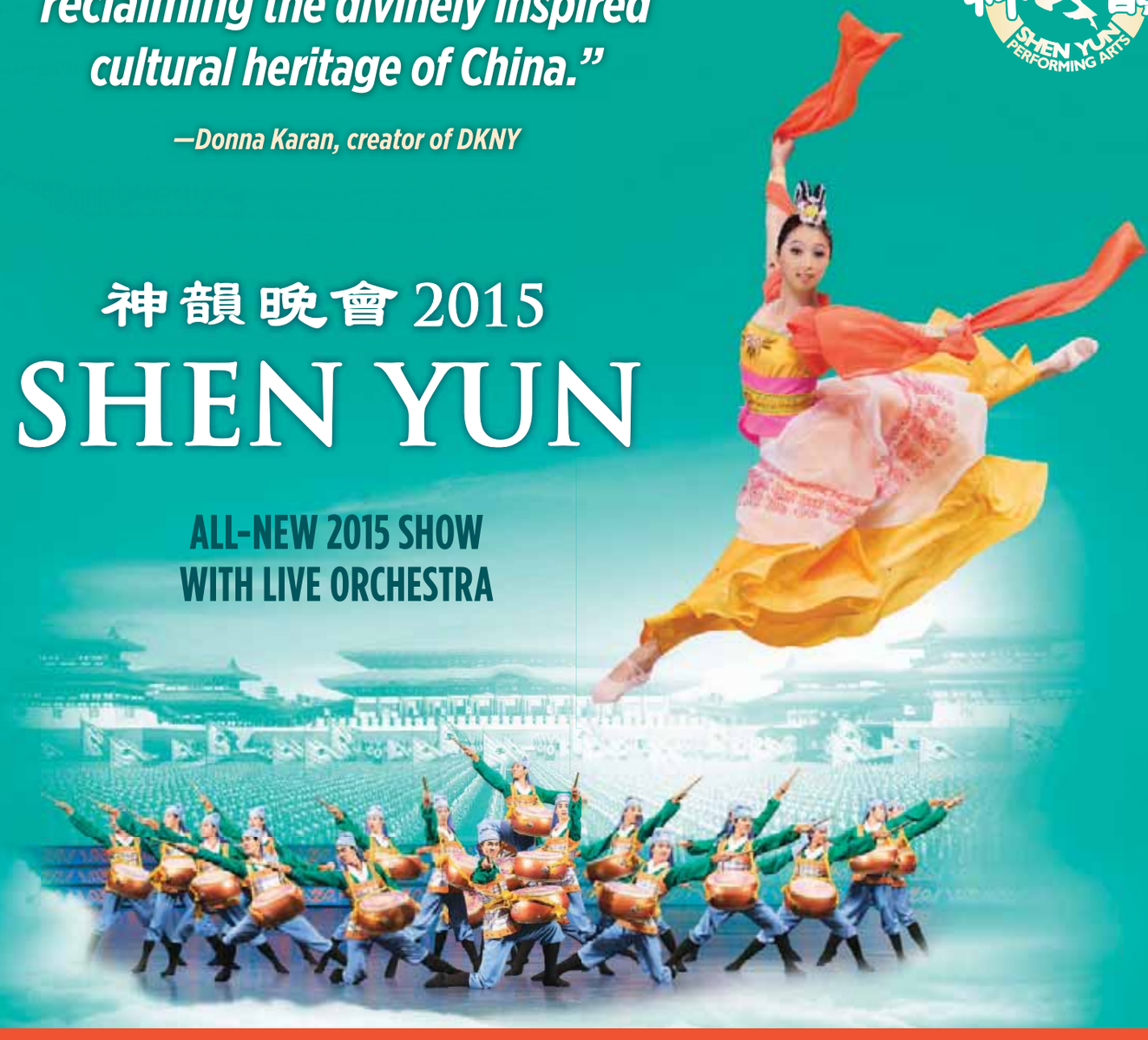

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Artist ends missing aboriginal woman project

A Toronto illustrator who had started sending a portrait of a missing or murdered aboriginal woman to Prime Minister Stephen Harper every day has abandoned his project after hearing from victims' relatives.

"If some of the families find it inappropriate or find it is harming efforts, there is no reason for me to do it," Evan Munday, 34, said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Munday began tweeting his ink-drawn portraits of missing or murdered indigenous women Jan. 5, saying he wanted to help increase pressure on Harper to call a national public inquiry into the issue.

His eighth portrait was of Sharon Abraham, who was last seen in Vancouver 15 years ago and the RCMP confirmed in 2009 it had discovered her DNA on the farm of convicted serial killer Robert Pickton.

The Jan. 12 portrait was also his last in the series.

"After extensive conversation with a group formed of families of some of the missing and murdered women, I believe I cannot continue the project in a way that respects these women's autonomy or a way that helps rather than harms the families of these thousands of women. I apologize for hurting the families of these women and for making them relive painful memories," Munday wrote in a statement posted to his website.

Munday said he heard from the group over the weekend and they shared their concerns that he had drawn the portraits without seeking their permission and that the media attention he was getting was detracting from indigenous-led efforts.

Munday said the experience has taught him to reach out to those who are already involved in advocacy on a certain issue before doing something like this again.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne meets with the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario at Queens Park Wednesday to discuss the need to improve the ways schools handle sexual violence. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Students press Wynne for sex-assault policies

Reform. Advocacy group calls for standalone plans to prevent and respond to violence on university and college campuses

Ontario's largest student group is asking Premier Kathleen Wynne to push universities and colleges into adopting standalone sexual assault policies as well as mandatory education programs for students.

Members of the Ontario chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students met with Wynne in the cabinet room at Queen's Park on Wednesday evening to talk about the problem of sexual violence on campus and how schools can better prevent and respond to it.

Wynne, who along with Minister Tracy MacCharles met with 21 student leaders from schools across Ontario, said her government was committed to tackling what she described a very real and pressing issue.

"I don't believe that it is negotiable that students who go to university or college in Ontario should feel safe," said Wynne. "We need to do everything in our power, as students, as faculty, as politicians," to make sure the best practices are in place across the province, she said.

Wynne had asked students to provide her with good examples of existing policies, or models of comprehensive policies, to inform the discussion.

"We are at a moment where there are more people paying attention and so we have to seize that moment and make some gains," said Wynne.

The meeting follows a recent Torstar News Service report that revealed just nine of 78 public universities across Canada and no public colleges in Ontario had adopted special policies to deal with sexual assault, seen by many experts as an important step.

Ontario's colleges have since committed to creating a uniform policy and the universities have begun a multi-pronged plan to ensure they are doing everything possible to address the issue.

Wednesday's meeting was part of a series of government consultations being undertaken before the Liberals launch their sexual violence action plan in March, which will include recommendations on combating sexual violence and harassment in schools and workplaces across the province.

Anna Goldfinch, of the Ontario student federation branch, told Torstar her organization asked Wynne to use the action plan to recommend that colleges and universities adopt sexual assault policies as well as commit to mandatory education on sexual violence.

"Students have been working on their campuses trying to get specific sexual assault policies for years. Harassment policies don't cut it," said Goldfinch, whose organization represents 350,000 college, undergraduate and graduate students.

Goldfinch said Wynne and MacCharles were very receptive to their suggestions, agreed on the importance of student involvement and finding new ways to hold schools accountable if an act of sexual violence takes place.

"These policies have (a) huge impact and when we let students into the discussion we win because students are the expert on this issue," she said.

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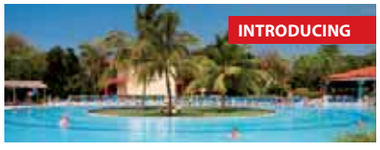

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Monster wall complaints still fall on deaf ears at city hall

Neighbours' dispute. Disagreement over towering garage remains unresolved, widow distressed

For almost eight years, the Green family has repeatedly asked the city how their neighbour's towering six-metre garage could be legal and have been told nothing can be done about it.

But with a new mayor in office, Dianne Green, a 77-year-old widow, decided to give it another try.

"In the last few years, I have survived losing my husband of 55 years, cancer, the (Sunrise) propane explosion, dealing (with) our home insurance company and being bullied, but now I am alone and it is just too much," she wrote in spidery longhand.

"No one can deny this wall is horrible to look at and I have to see it every day. It is very, very offensive.... I am in great need of your help. I would be very thankful and grateful if the bylaw is enforced and the wall is covered up properly."

The letter may have struck a chord over at city hall because she received a quick response, though not the one she was hoping for. Like every previous exchange, the city told her the garage doesn't break any bylaws.

Michael Green, a Polish Holocaust survivor, moved to Canada after the war and married Dianne in 1959. They moved into their house that same year and raised two kids in the Downsview area of North York without any disputes for decades.

All that came to an end in 2008, when Jose Santos bought the house that backed onto theirs, knocked it down and built a bigger one in its place. He also raised the level of his backyard by a metre and built a large garage on top.

"The reason the garage appears so large is because it's sitting on a back yard that's been raised three feet, and it wasn't like that before he bought it," said their son, Jeff Green.

While the city ordered Santos to reduce the height of his garage by a few feet, inspectors determined that no other bylaws had been broken.

"Believe it or not, what you see is the lower height," Jeff Green said.

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"Whatever I do with my garage is my business, not yours. It's nobody's business." Homeowner Jose Santos

Michael and Dianne Green in the backyard of their home in this 2009 file shot. Their neighbour to the north built a giant garage behind their yard.
DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Reached at his home Wednesday evening, Santos declined to comment. He had previously told Torstar News Service: "Whatever I do with my garage is my business, not yours. It's nobody's business."

In 2009, Torstar highlighted the Greens' story, and soon after Santos sued them for $25,000, claiming they had damaged his retaining wall and defamed him.

Santos's lawsuit claimed Jeff Green dug holes next to the retaining wall and then reported to the city that there was no footing. According to the statement of claim, the city determined that the wall did not require a footing, and the holes were left to fill up with rainwater. The water got under the wall and "disturbed the integrity of the wall and its mortar joints such that the wall shifted and cracked and is in need of major repair," the claim states.

Jeff Green obtained an engineers' report that stated the wall sank on its own because it had no foundation.

The lawsuit was settled by the Greens' home insurance company last fall. The terms of the settlement are confidential, Jeff Green said.

The Greens believe a bylaw covering buffering should require Santos to cover up the grey cinder block wall that dominates their backyard.

They say it should be considered a "visual nuisance," but the city has rebuffed their appeals.

"I regret to inform you that the (bylaw) is inapplicable ... and that no enforcement action will be taken," Tracey Cook, Toronto's executive director of Municipal Licensing and Standards, wrote in a 2013 letter.

Now the months have turned to years, and while changes have come to the Green family — Michael passed away in the summer of 2013 — the imposing wall remains.

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T.O. man who dismembered ex-girlfriend seeks appeal

Photo of Chun Qi Jiang and Guang Hua Liu, used as exhibit in Jiang's trial.
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A Toronto man who savagely killed his ex-girlfriend, hacked her body to pieces and scattered her remains is seeking to challenge his second-degree murder conviction.

Chun Qi Jiang has filed a notice of appeal, alleging the judge overseeing the case "made several errors in law in rulings throughout the trial."

Jiang was convicted in June in the fatal stabbing and dismemberment of 41-year-old Guang Hua Liu, whose body parts surfaced in Toronto-area parks and waterways in the summer of 2012.

In his notice, Jiang says Judge Giselle Miller erred in "prohibiting the defence from challenging the 'identity' of who killed Guang Hua Liu in the house," and in allowing evidence that was unlawfully obtained by police.

He also claims Miller should have declared a mistrial "upon finding that the Crown failed to disclose key evidence."

Jiang is also seeking to contest his sentence, which he describes as "manifestly unfit."

The second-degree murder conviction carries an automatic life sentence with no chance of parole for 10 to 25 years. At a sentencing hearing in August, Miller set his parole ineligibility at 18 years.

The judge said Liu's death in a "brutal attack" by an ex-boyfriend was an aggravating factor, as were Jiang's efforts to cover up the grisly slaying by destroying evidence and desecrating her body.

However, Miller said she also factored in that Jiang had no prior criminal record or history of violence.

Liu, a single mother of three who ran a massage parlour, had been caught in a love triangle that prosecutors alleged turned deadly after she rejected Jiang for his rival. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Killer blamed his mom

In his testimony, Jiang pinned the murder on his mother, saying the 66-year-old woman stabbed and dismembered Liu in a fit of rage over allegedly stolen jewelry.

- **He admitted to helping her dispose of Liu's remains and cover up the crime.**
- **His mother died of natural causes shortly after his arrest.**

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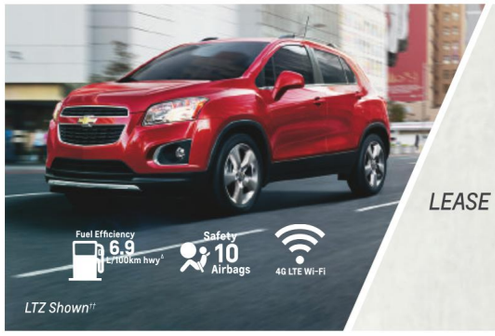

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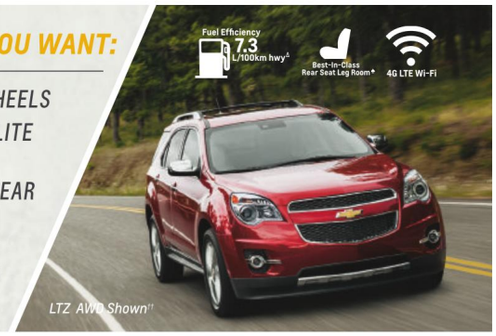

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Real estate report

Oil-price drop may fuel T.O. home costs

House prices are expected to increase just "moderately" across Canada this year, led by above-average gains in the Greater Toronto area but saddled by uncertainty in the West thanks to slumping oil prices.

House price gains are likely to slow this year, but should still average about 2.9 per cent across Canada, realtor Royal LePage says in its annual house price survey and market forecast released Wednesday.

The realtor says the average home price in Toronto is forecast to rise by 4.5 per cent, though that would be well behind last year's pace.

It anticipates that the shift of economic activity from West to East, combined with the strengthening U.S. economy, could help drive more demand for housing in the GTA.

That would bring the average resale price of condos and houses combined across the GTA to $592,000, up from $566,500 in 2014.

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Tech lets auto-loan lenders stop deadbeat drivers in their tracks

Privacy and safety concern. GPS-based device can shut down cars remotely

A little-known black box buried in the guts of many GTA vehicles makes drivers with poor credit the hapless targets of what is becoming a 24-hour surveillance culture.

Known as a starter interrupter, the GPS-equipped, wallet-sized box is popular with auto-loan companies: If the owner stops making payments, the lender can send a signal to the box, disabling the vehicle by shutting off the starter. The GPS function also allows for tracking of the customer's movements.

Thousands of starter interrupters have been on the roads in Canada for years, but in Ontario, little has been said about how they're used and the information they allow lenders to collect.

A PassTime USA starter interrupter, ready for installation in a vehicle. EBAY

Consumer protection laws have curtailed their use in Quebec, and serious questions are being raised about their safety in the United States, following reports about moving cars being shut down remotely — though at least one company that makes them denies that's even possible.

Though it has yet to receive a formal complaint, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada is "actively following the issue, specifically the data collection made possible by the growing deployment of automotive sensors," according to spokeswoman Tobi Cohen.

Jeffrey Newhouse, president of Canadian Title Loan, an Oakville company that uses starter-interrupters, said customers with bad credit agree to having one installed when they sign up for a loan.

The company disables a car only in what he considers extreme circumstances — for example when the customer has been unreachable for 90 days or more. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Government hands-off

- In Ontario, the Collection Agencies Act, which prohibits "undue, excessive or unreasonable pressure," doesn't apply to starter interrupters because they're installed by auto lenders and not a collection agency, said a spokesperson for the Ministry of Consumer Services. And, "it appears that these devices are installed with the borrower's consent, as part of the loan approval process."
- Neither the Ontario Ministry of Transportation nor Transport Canada regulates starter interrupters. Transport Canada explains that they are an "aftermarket device."

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Toronto convention industry surging, tourism board says

Destination. Resurgent world economy, vibrant downtown has fortified city's global profile, says Tourism Toronto

The end of the Great Recession and generous words from Vogue magazine are among the reasons that Toronto's convention industry is booming again, after a swoon brought on by tough economic times, the city's tourism agency says.

Almost half a million people booked a meeting or convention visit to Toronto in 2014, good for over 600,000 hotel-room nights — the first time the city has cracked that threshold.

A resurgent world economy, top-flight hotels and an increasingly vibrant downtown have all contributed to the convention sector's growth, said Tourism Toronto spokesman Andrew Weir.

"As Toronto's reputation and cachet grows — when you have Vogue magazine talking about Queen West as one of the hippest neighbourhoods in the world — it increases the desirability of that destination," Weir said.

During the recession, hotel bookings related to meetings and conventions declined, bottoming out at 526,554 future nights in 2011. This year, the figure jumped to 640,345. (The numbers refer to hotel-room nights booked, not the number of people who visited, in a given year. The bookings may be for a decade hence.)

"Travel was perceived as indulgent or over-indulgent" during the recession, said Weir. "People were cancelling meetings.... Now they're coming back and meeting again."

Tourism Toronto spokesman Andrew Weir passes the ROM while on a tour of Toronto on a double-decker bus. Weir expects the Union-Pearson rail link — set to open in time for the Pan Am Games in July — will act as another tourist draw. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A "very aggressive sales strategy" seems to have contributed to the spike in bookings. In the past two years, Tourism Toronto has added part-time sales agents in China and India, supplementing its full-time offices in Washington D.C., Chicago, Ottawa and Mississauga.

There is rarely a shortage of organizations hosting conventions — it's just a matter of luring them to Toronto. This year, the city is hosting both the American Psychological Association (11,000 visitors in August) and the American Psychiatric Association (20,000 people in May).

That's in addition to the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, which is sending 6,000 delegates this spring.

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"2015 looks like a really strong year for hosting conventions and meetings."

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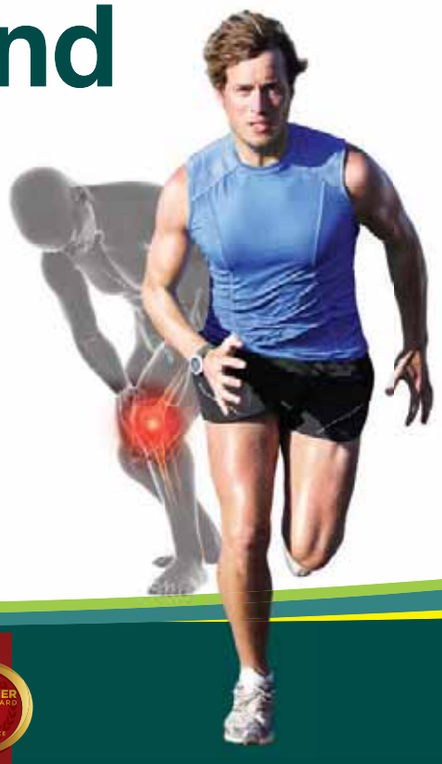

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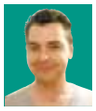
The common link of David Lowery

Music. Rocker behind Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven talks industry and economy



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"That's a good question," says David Lowery, pausing to think.

The creative force behind both indie rocker pioneers Camper Van Beethoven and Americana alt-rockers Cracker, Lowery is pondering why he, an outspoken critic of the music and technology industries' revenue schemes for songwriters, continues to engage in a business that he calls an unholy alliance.

"I made money," he finally says.

That puts Lowery and his bandmates in an enviable position. They aren't behind the financial eight-ball that keeps so many young bands out of the studio and out on the road. Lowery released a staggering four-discs worth of new music in the past two years; La Costa Perdida and El Camino Real with Camper Van Beethoven and the double disc Berkeley to Bakersfield with Cracker.

"There's a lot of people who just aren't going to do it," he adds.

After 30 years working in both the independent and major label spheres of the music industry, Lowery found himself at the centre of a media firestorm.

In a speech at the 2012 SF Musictech Conference he used his skills as a quantitative mathematician and university lecturer to illustrate the unfair songwriter royalty rates employed by online streaming services, a technology on which the industry has hung its hopes and dreams.

"I'm not against streaming," he asserts. "I'm against the low pay we get."

Those low rates, he argues, prevent bands from recording, still an expensive process, and a phenomenon borne out by the relative dearth of new full-length albums being released.

Instead, bands are forced to raise capital for studio time or gear through touring, a far less glamourous lifestyle than at first blush.

"You need to play for like 500 people a night, five or six nights a week to make what a teacher makes; 95 to 98 per cent of the bands are below that," he says.

Cracker & Camper Van Beethoven — January 15, 8:30 p.m. at Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor St. W. $26.50.

Tale of two bands

Mixing it up for the love of music

Thursday night's show at Lee's unites both of David Lowery's bands on a single stage. But the two groups share more than just a tour bus.

"The lines between the two bands are blurred," he admits, noting that they will regularly share members of their rhythm sections.

The biggest difference is the way the two bands make records. "They're divided by methodology and songwriting style."

Johnny Hickman, left, and David Lowery of Cracker play Lee's Palace with Camper Van Beethoven on Thursday night.
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Syria. Reports say Ottawa man died fighting for ISIL

An ISIS fighter from Ottawa, believed to be John Maguire, warned of more attacks in December video. METRO FILE

As reports emerged that former University of Ottawa Student John Maguire had been killed while fighting in Syria, the federal Public Safety Ministry warned of the dangers of joining the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

"While we cannot speak about specific cases, our Government is fighting terrorist groups who could pose a threat to Canadians," said an email from Public Safety Canada. "That is why we made it a criminal offence to go overseas to engage in terrorism and why we took action to strip the citizenship of those convicted of terrorist offences."

The reports were based on a tweet from Twitter user and apparent ISIL supporter Abu Saman who called Maguire and another man martyrs.

Maguire came to national media attention when he appeared in a pro-ISIL video saying that while he grew up like most Canadians playing hockey, guitar and attending university he had come to support the radical Islamist cause.

In the video, Maguire, who went by the nom de guerre Abu Anwar al-Canadi, warned Canada that more attacks were coming, and said recent attacks — the Parliament Hill shooting that killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and the Quebec hit and run that killed warrant officer Patrice Vincent — were in "direct response" to Canada joining the fight against ISIL.

Maguire vanished last year after converting to Islam and becoming radicalized. Originally from Kemptville, Ont., he was believed to be among dozens of Canadians fighting with extremist groups in Syria and Iraq. METRO IN OTTAWA

Jailed journalist's family pins hopes on Baird's visit to Egypt

Mohamed Fahmy case. Meanwhile, a government official in Ottawa is urging tempered expectations

The family of an Egyptian-Canadian journalist imprisoned in Cairo is hoping that Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird's visit to the city on Thursday will mark "the finale" to Mohamed Fahmy's quest for freedom.

But a government official in Ottawa was tempering expectations Wednesday that Baird's visit would immediately trigger Fahmy's release.

Fahmy has spent over a year in prison after he and two colleagues were arrested while working Al Jazeera English. After a trial widely denounced as a sham, the three were convicted on terror-related charges they vehemently deny.

Baird's visit to Cairo comes at a sensitive time. A retrial was ordered this month for Fahmy and his colleagues, and Egypt's president has announced a new decree that gives him the power to deport foreigners convicted or accused of crimes.

Those factors have given Fahmy and his family hope that they will soon be able to return to their home in Montreal.

"I believe Mr. Baird's visit should be the finale," Fahmy's brother Adel said. "We are genuinely hoping that he reaches a resolution and announces that Mohamed will be deported to Canada."

Baird will be meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry on Thursday, where he is expected to raise Fahmy's case, after which the two will participate in a news conference. It is there that Fahmy's family hopes for some indication that their ordeal is nearing an end.

But a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that things may not proceed quite that quickly.

Baird's two-day trip to Egypt, the official stressed, is part of the country's regular engagement with Egypt "writ large." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird, right, is met by the governor of Luxor, Major General Tarek Saad Eddin, on his arrival Wednesday to the airport in Luxor, Egypt. Baird is scheduled to meet Egyptian officials in Cairo on Thursday and is expected to bring up the case of Canadian-Egyptian journalist for Al-Jazeera English, Mohammed Fahmy, who is imprisoned in Egypt on terror-related charges. HAGGAG SALAMA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec set to tackle religion, radicalization after Paris attacks

Quebec politicians have relaunched a debate over the place of religion after the deadly terror attacks in France which have renewed fears about Islamic radicalization in the province.

Events last week in Paris, following on the killing of two Canadian soldiers in terror attacks last fall, has critics urging Quebec's Liberal government to get to work on new measures to combat fundamentalism.

But the opposition Parti Québécois, currently in the middle of a leadership race, is also diving into a sensitive debate cut short when the party lost power in last year's election.

On Thursday, former journalist Bernard Drainville, a PQ leadership hopeful, will unveil a new version of his controversial values charter, a bill that would ban public-sector employees such as teachers, doctors and bureaucrats from wearing religious symbols at work. The legislation is a controversial part of the party's re-election plan but the initiative died when the PQ lost the election.

With governments around the world examining their vulnerability to a Paris-style terror attack and Ottawa drafting new anti-terror laws, the timing of Quebec's debate may not be surprising.

The reaction in Quebec to carnage at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo was particularly forceful in a province where the francophone majority still takes many of its cultural and societal cues from France.

Premier Philippe Couillard, battling perceptions he is not sufficiently concerned about identity issues, was criticized for not flying to Paris along with other world leaders for last weekend's solidarity march.

Premier Philippe Couillard said Tuesday his government is working on a law that would emphasize the religious neutrality of the state and deal with requests for faith-based exemptions from normal rules in the workplace or when accessing government services.

The delay, however, has opened a strategic window for the PQ, which may also be seeking to engage core supporters as it rebuilds from the opposition benches. Drainville, who declined an interview request, said the bill is timely and vital. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Religious symbols

The new PQ bill could limit the ban on religious symbols to newly hired public-sector workers, according to reports.

- Other leadership candidates say the ban should be applied only to those invested with the coercive powers of the state, such as judges and police.

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Yemen al-Qaida claims Charlie Hebdo attack

Paris. Extremists warn of more 'tragedies and terror' to come

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"Congratulations to you, the nation of Islam, for this revenge that has soothed our pain."

Nasr al-Ansi, a top commander of al-Qaida, in a video posted to the group's Twitter account

Yemen's al-Qaida branch on Wednesday confirmed it carried out last week's deadly assault on a French satirical newspaper to avenge cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad, as it called for unity among jihadi ranks and vowed more attacks on the West.

In an 11-minute video posted on the group's Twitter account, Nasr al-Ansi, a top commander of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, said the attack on the office of the Charlie Hebdo weekly — in which two gunmen massacred 12 people — was in "revenge for the prophet."

He warned of more "tragedies and terror" in the future, saying "you will look for peace and stability but you will not find it because of the deeds of those carrying out martyrdom operations and heroes of lone jihad."

Al-Ansi said AQAP "chose the target, laid out the plan and financed the operation." He said the radical Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen in September 2011, had arranged the attack.

If confirmed, that would mean the Paris attack was years in the making. But Al-Ansi produced no evidence to support his claims, leaving lingering questions over the exact relationship between the attackers and the militant group's leadership in Yemen.

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Crackdown

54 arrested for hate speech

France ordered prosecutors around the country to crack down on hate speech, anti-Semitism and glorifying terrorism and announced Wednesday it was sending an aircraft carrier to the Mideast to work more closely with the U.S.-led coalition fighting Islamic State militants. Authorities said 54 people had been arrested for hate speech and defending terrorism in the last week.

Java Sea

Singapore navy finds AirAsia fuselage

A Singaporean navy ship has found the crashed AirAsia plane's fuselage, a 30-metre-long section with a wing attached, in the Java Sea, authorities said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex abuse

Model pursues charges against Bill Cosby

A model who claims Bill Cosby drugged and sexually abused her at the Playboy Mansion met with Los Angeles police on Wednesday to pursue criminal charges against the comedian over the 2008 incident. An attorney for Chloe Goins said after the meeting that his client is the first woman accusing Cosby of sexual misconduct whose case may fall within the statute of limitations. More than 15 women have accused Cosby of sexual misconduct, including several who say the comedian drugged and raped them in incidents dating back four decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope urges forgiveness, reconciliation in war-torn Sri Lanka

Pope Francis blesses a child as he arrives in Madhu, Sri Lanka, Wednesday. Pope Francis travelled to the jungles of war-torn northern Sri Lanka on Wednesday to show solidarity with the victims of the country's 25-year civil war and urge forgiveness and reconciliation "for all the evil which this land has known." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry denies report of takeover by Samsung

Shares jump on TSX.
Canadian company's stock rose to highest level since early 2012

The Canadian flag flies at BlackBerry's headquarters in Waterloo. A news report said smartphone maker Samsung Electronics has offered to buy the company for as much as $7.5 billion US, which BlackBerry denies. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

BlackBerry has responded to a dramatic jump in its stock price, saying late Wednesday that it has not engaged in discussions with Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. about a possible takeover.

The response followed a report from the Reuters news agency, which said Samsung had met with BlackBerry executives over the possibility of buying the Canadian company for as much as $7.5 billion US.

Reuters cited both a source familiar with the proposal and related documents.

BlackBerry shares jumped nearly 30 per cent after the report emerged, leading the company to react with a public statement.

"BlackBerry has not engaged in discussions with Samsung with respect to any possible offer to purchase BlackBerry," the company said.

The comments did not address whether Samsung had expressed an interest in the company that BlackBerry executives haven't entertained.

However, the company said its policy is "not to comment on rumours or speculation and, accordingly, it does not intend to comment further."

A representative for South Korea-based Samsung declined to comment.

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Purported offer

$7.5B

Samsung Electronics' purported offer to buy Canadian company BlackBerry

Using bus lanes

European court backs London's black cabs

London's iconic black cabs, under pressure from taxi app Uber and cheaper taxis known as minicabs, won't have to share their right to drive in bus lanes with rivals. A European Union court dismissed a challenge by private taxi firm Addison Lee, which argued the rule violated competition laws.

The European Court said the black cabs are not comparable to their rivals, because only black cabs can pick up customers without pre-booking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VOICES

NEWSPAPER EDITS OUT WOMEN

Above: World leaders attend a march in solidarity with the Charlie Hebdo attack victims in Paris. Below: Female leaders erased from a similar photo of the rally, by HaMevaser newspaper. ABOVE: GETTY IMAGES; BELOW: SCREENGRAB

The world is watching — and arguably just waiting — for the next head-slapping action to find, screengrab and broadcast to the world

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It seems you can't get away with much these days because Little Brother is there, taking a screengrab of your perceived offence and retweeting it for the world to turn into a meme.

On the hot seat this week is conservative Jewish newspaper HaMevaser, which removed all of the women from a photograph of world leaders marching in Paris in support of Charlie Hebdo, and printed said photograph on its front page.

Gone from the photo are German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini and Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt.

The edits are offensive and head-slapping for the obvious reasons: Removing people from a photograph and presenting the image as fact, in a newspaper, is not journalism. Painstakingly editing out the women, specifically, suggests a dubious view on the value of women, in my opinion.

What's interesting is the idea that even a little-known newspaper with a relatively small circulation can so quickly catch the attention — and derision — of the entire world.

Five years ago, the Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) community's practice of not publishing pictures of women for the sake of modesty would likely have gone relatively unnoticed. And yet, when Jewish site Walla outed HaMevaser over the altered Paris photo, it spread like wildfire around the web. As the world shrinks and the spotlight of social media grows, the viewpoints of people and communities — no matter how insular — become exposed for all to see, judge, re-tweet and hashtag.

In this new world of cellphones, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, the world's eyes are always on us.

Women only

This isn't the first time an ultra-orthodox newspaper has edited women out of photographs. Following the death of Osama Bin Laden, Brooklyn-based ultra-orthodox Jewish newspaper Der Tzitung photoshopped Hillary Clinton and another woman out of the photograph of U.S. President Barack Obama and his security team watching the raid.

- The photo has also inspired several memes, including this one by satirical news site Waterford Whispers News, which edited all the men out of the image.

A version with the men erased runs on a satirical site. SCREENGRAB

As a Muslim journalist, I'm not OK with the Charlie cover

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I'm appalled by the renewed satirizing of Prophet Muhammad in Charlie Hebdo, not only as a Muslim but also as a journalist.

My condemnation stems from the fact that the Prophet is a revered figure in my faith who should not be drawn out — let alone satirized in untoward illustrations — according to widely held Islamic traditions.

But my condemnation goes deeper than that. As a person of faith, and a person of colour, it baffles me that the right to freedom of speech is being used as a right to be racist and bigoted toward Muslims, which is made clear by the obscene cartoons in editions of Charlie.

Muslims are a racialized demographic, with the majority of French Muslims coming from a North African background, while in Canada, the majority of Muslims are of Pakistani, Indian, Arab or Iranian origin.

I've heard the phrase "Muslims aren't a race" many times, but just about every asinine image of Muslims or the Prophet in Charlie depicts them as brown or black individuals.

Working in the media, I understand the responsibility that comes with freedom of speech and how that involves making moral judgments in news coverage on a daily basis. One of the main reasons why I got into this profession is because of its power to be a voice for the minority.

I can't help but feel that publishing the satirical Muhammad cartoons does nothing more than allow a select few to flaunt their privilege to laugh at images that further antagonize an already marginalized group, especially in France.

These cartoons play into people's fears of Muslims and are used to justify increased surveillance on a national scale. They also fuel the rampant Islamophobia that is now raging in France, with at least 60 reported anti-Muslim incidents since the Charlie attack, from firebombs and pig heads thrown into mosques, to veiled women subjected to insults on the street. At the same time, I understand that Islam forbids violently censoring free speech, as the gunman did in the Charlie Hebdo attack.

The Prophet himself faced violence and verbal ridicule from individuals, but never used harsh words or physical force in return. It's his example that I'll continue to follow.

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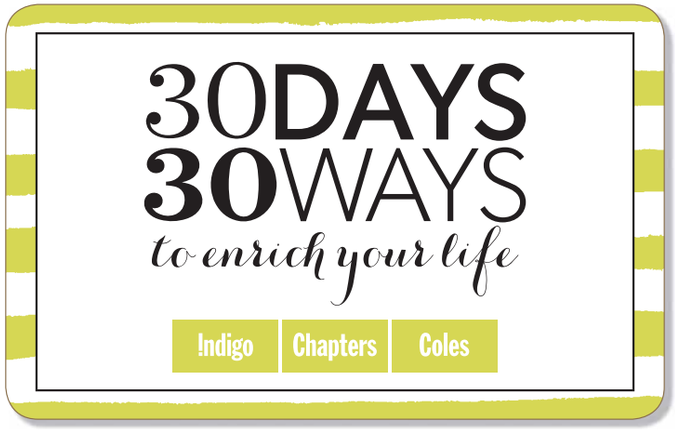

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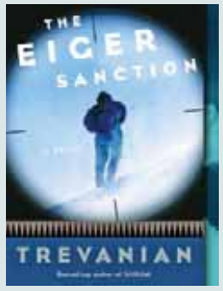
American Sniper is based on Chris Kyle's 2012 true story, American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History, which sat on the The New York Times Best Seller list for 37 weeks. This isn't the first book director Clint Eastwood has adapted for the big screen. Here's a look at five of other movies in his lengthy filmography that topped the bestseller list:



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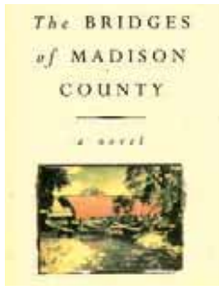
Eastwood starred in and directed this 1972 thriller about a mountaineering art dealer who is also a paid assassin.



The Bridges of Madison County

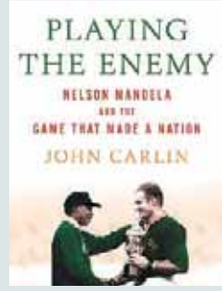
A sensation when it was released in 1992, the book is one of the bestsellers of the 20th century. Eastwood turned it into a 1995 film starring Meryl Streep.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

This 1997 crime drama was on the The New York Times Best Seller list for 216 weeks.

Mystic River

Dennis Lehane published his novel about three childhood friends reunited by a murder in 2001. Eastwood turned it into an Academy award-winning film in 2003.



Invictus

This 2009 film is based on John Carlin's book, Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation, about the 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa. METRO

Bradley Cooper on laughing with Clint

Book to film.
Eastwood lightened the mood while filming the sombre American Sniper

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Bradley Cooper plays Chris Kyle in American Sniper. CONTRIBUTED

Bradley Cooper starts off the press conference for American Sniper very, very seriously. "I try not to look in the mirror too much, quite honestly," he says at one point, not remotely cracking a smile.

Eventually he loosens up, busts out a decent impersonation of the film's director — one Clint Eastwood — and reminisces warmly about that time Eastwood oozed child-like glee watching a kid on set: none other than the real-life daughter of Army sharpshooter Chris Kyle (played by Cooper in the film) and his widow Taya.

"We laughed a tremendous amount on the movie — shockingly, given the content," Cooper says. "You're so excited to come to the set every day, because Clint Eastwood is there." The loose nature is just how Eastwood likes to work. "I think maybe why he gets so many great performances out of people is because he makes them feel really at ease. He's curious. John Huston said towards the end of his life that that's what keeps you going: curiosity. He's just so curious. He's like a little kid."

Cooper's no modest fan of the director's work, citing Unforgiven as "maybe the best American film."

He feels a connection between the best picture winner and American Sniper.

"This character is almost William Munney prior to when we meet him in Unforgiven: his wife has since died and he's taking care of the kids and he comes back because (his friend) has been murdered. We saw a lot of similarities."

There was another incentive to give Eastwood the reins: "Chris Kyle said if there was any way he had a choice of who would direct the movie, it would be Clint Eastwood. And then he had his wish."

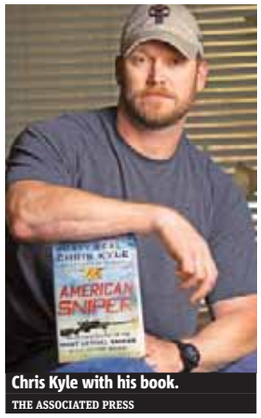
They had fun making American Sniper, but the film is absolutely serious.

Not only is it about the damage war does to families and soldiers' psyches, but Kyle himself was murdered by a troubled vet while the film was in pre-production.

They had an extra responsibility to get the story right and impart a useful message. "The takeaway for those who can relate to (Kyle) is that it will be healing," he says.

But even those who aren't veterans themselves can see "what vets go through, what Taya has gone through."

Though Kyle's four tours were during the Iraq War, Cooper doesn't see American Sniper as political. "It's not a movie about the Iraq War. It's a movie about what someone like Chris has to go through as a soldier — the dilemmas, the horror of it," he explains. "That's all we ever talked about. It's not a political movie at all. It's a movie about a man. It's a character study."



Chris Kyle with his book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooper actually trained with live ammo, which both helped and harmed his work. He found the first sniping sequence much too real.

"I'd only felt the gun with live ammo, and I saw two actors in the scope. My stomach turned and I moved the gun away," he recalls. "I said, 'We can't shoot the scene with them there.' I just couldn't do it, even though the gun wasn't loaded. I had a glimpse of what a soldier has to go through."

With Eastwood, Cooper was working for a director famous for doing as few takes as possible, sometimes just one. Cooper found that refreshing.

"Sometimes you do movies, you think, 'Well, I'm warming up on the first three and then we'll get into it on seven and eight. That's not happening on this movie at all. You better bring it the first take," he says. "It's almost like theatre in a way, doing a Clint Eastwood movie."

It even felt familiar to him, based on his time with Silver Linings Playbook and American Hustle director David O. Russell, who relies heavily on spontaneous, off-the-cuff traits.

"On a David O. Russell movie, when you step out of the van in the morning you better be able to shoot the scene the moment your foot touches the ground," he explains. "I've come to love it, because there's an energy and vitality, a sense that it's actually happening. If I ever have a chance to direct I would always want to do that. Never make them feel like they have 100 takes. Make them feel like this is it. You want to raise the stakes, anyway."

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Thriller about rail commuters full of twists, turns and shocks

Debut novel. The Girl on the Train's narrator turns passengers into characters, then tries to imagine what their everyday lives are like

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro World News in New York City

Paula Hawkins' first book, the emotional thriller The Girl On The Train, only came out on Tuesday, but DreamWorks has already bought the movie rights.

With every early review comparing it to Gone Girl, the stakes are pretty high for this novel, about a woman named Rachel who sees the same people on her commute to and from work each day and builds up stories in her mind about them.

An alcoholic, Rachel makes for an unreliable narrator, which in part is responsible for the book's many twists, turns and its shocking ending.

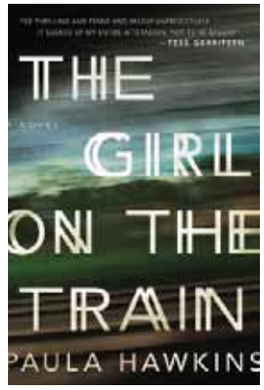
Making 'subway friends'

"When I used to commute for work, one of my favourite things to do was to look out the window and into peoples' houses if I could see in," Hawkins tells us.

"The idea for the book partially comes from the idea that you see these people every day and you feel like you've made a connection, but it's actually imaginary. And then thinking about what a vulnerable, lonely person would do with that sensation."

Hawkins says she liked the idea of creating a narrator with a drinking problem because it creates an unreliability in a lot of ways.

"You can't trust yourself, your memory or your own judgments," she says.



Getting it all on paper

When she sat down to write the book, Hawkins says she first created a detailed chapter-by-chapter outline to keep track of the multiple characters and time jumps, but there were a few things that took her by surprise.

"There's a character, Anna, who changed quite a lot for me," she says.

"I saw her completely differently at the end of the book than I did at the beginning."

On those Gone Girl comparisons

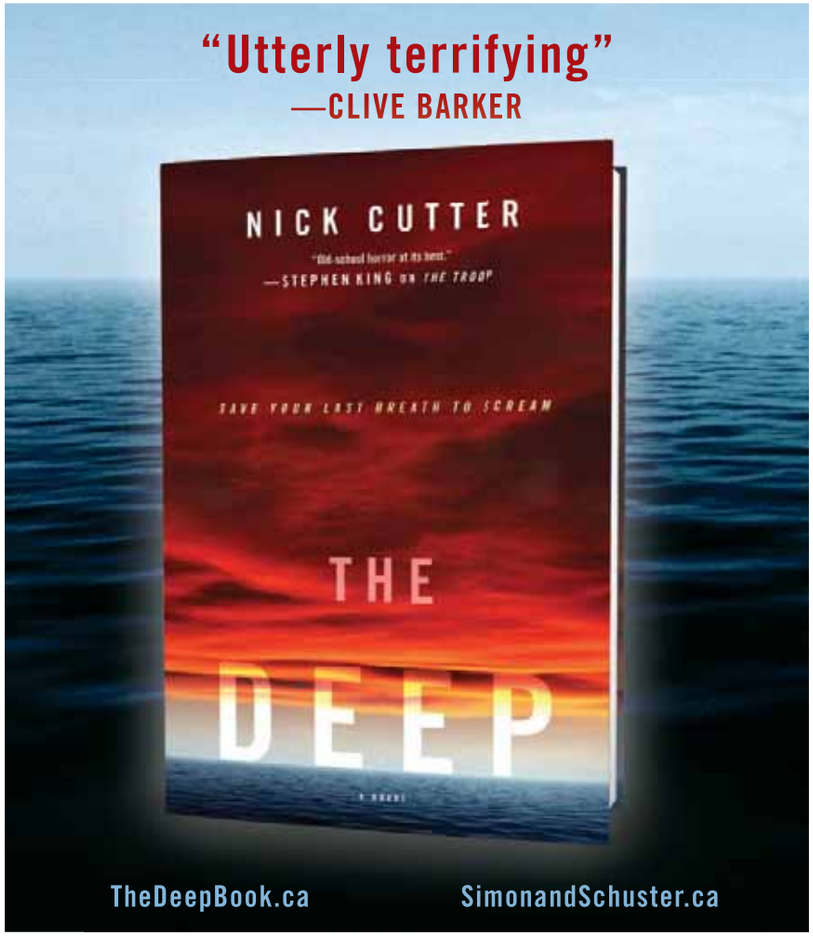
When asked if the constant Gone Girl comparisons are flattering or annoying, Hawkins says it's a double-edged sword.

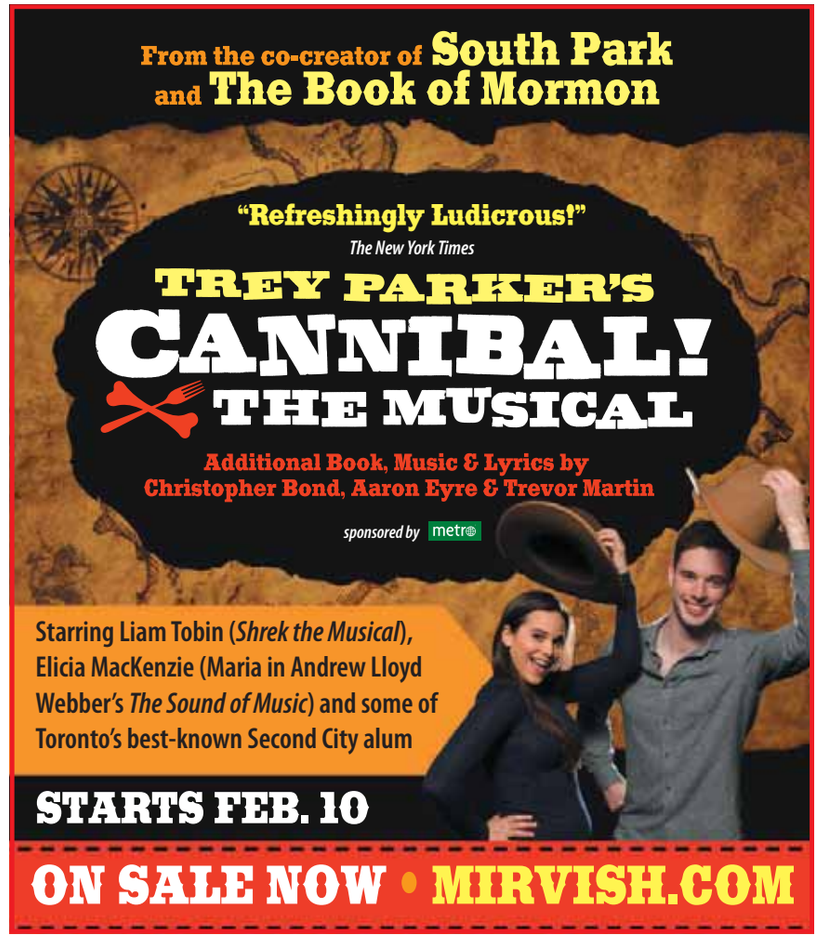
"It's fantastic because I think Gone Girl is such a great book, but at the same time, I'd like (Girl on the Train) to be seen on its own merits as well."

As for that movie deal, Hawkins says things are still very early and she's just crossing her fingers.

For now, she's content with just getting the book in the hands of commuters, getting them so immersed that they just might miss their stop.

Girl on the Train author Paula Hawkins. CONTRIBUTED

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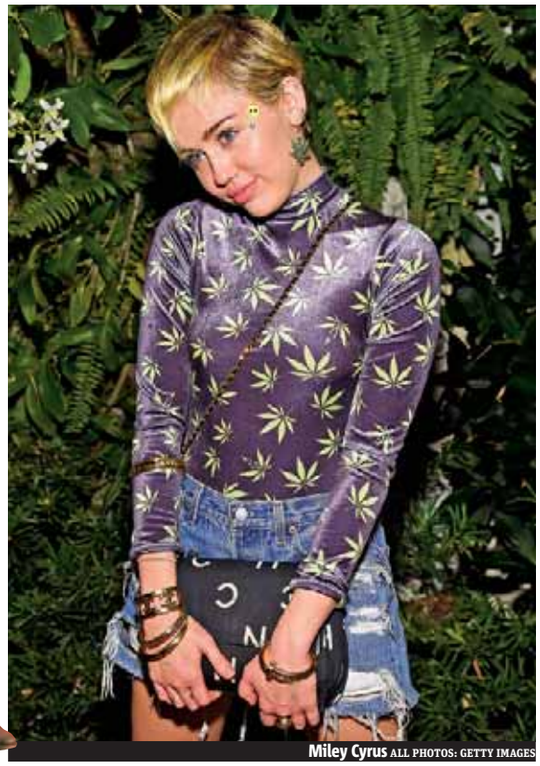

Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

What if Miley took her clothes off and everybody yawned?

Oh, Miley. Former Disney star Miley Cyrus just can't stop showing off her goods to anyone who will look. To that end, she's gifted V Magazine with a collection of "candid" Polaroids from her recent world tour to celebrate their music issue, hitting newsstands today. The magazine is even offering a fold-out poster of a fully nude Cyrus emerging from a bubble bath. Enticing, right? Here's the thing, though: We apparently live in a world now where a collection of naked Miley Cyrus pictures is met with a collective yawn instead of the startled gasp I assume she was hoping for. As commenters over at Defamer put it, "It just seems so boring and one-dimensional" and, "I for one appreciate Miley's attempt to desexualize female nudity."

Kristen Stewart really does care

It is a question that has plagued scholars, lo, since the nascent days of Twilight cinematic history: Exactly how many f—s does Kristen Stewart give? Many have argued that her enduring appeal is rooted in her natural inability to not care about anything, but Stewart herself. She renounces such spurious categorization. When renowned culture critic and Salon deputy entertainment editor Anna Silman recently lauded Stewart with, "You are kind of a hero to people, in a way. A lot of people admire what they see as your give-no-f—s attitude," Stewart took extreme exception. "I'm like, 'Actually, no one gives a f— like me,'" Stewart insists. "No one gives more of a f— than me. It's just ironic to me. I'm always like, 'Really?'" So there you have it. The debate is settled.

Kristen Stewart

More bad news for the ladies of The View

Things are not looking good for Rosie, Whoopi and crew, as execs at ABC are said to be "ready to abandon ship" on long-running daytime talk show The View, according to the Mail Online. "The brass at ABC feels like they've tried to do everything possible to breathe new life into this show," a source says. The View, currently in its 18th season, would be replaced by an extra hour of Good Morning America, a move similar to the one the Today show made years ago. "ABC feels it has exhausted their options with The View and now it's time to expand the existing franchise. They feel that since GMA is already beating NBC's Today during the first two hours of the broadcast, why not extend the morning broadcast?" But what will Whoopi Goldberg do with her mornings now?

Rosie O'Donnell and Whoopi Goldberg

The year gets a bit quirkier as Björk readies new album for March

Björk stumbled onto Twitter this week to announce her first album in four years is on its way, and she describes it in the most Björk way possible. The announcement of the album, Vulnicura, came along with a handwritten note describing what we can expect from the Icelandic iconclast's new tunes. "The songs are called Stonemilker, Lionsong, History of Touches, Black Lake, Family, Notget, Atom Dance, Mouth Mantra and Quicksand," she writes. "I hope you will enjoy it!"

Bjork

I can already see Mouth Mantra and History of Touches becoming club hits. The new work, her ninth studio album and the first since her experimental Biophilia in 2011, will be released in March.

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What's big for the boys in 2015

Menswear trends are slower burning than womenswear, but it's still an exciting time for guy-style. Here's what will reign in the world of men's retail this coming year.

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Matching shades

All white, all beige, neutrals ... this year is going to be about the refined use of colour palettes. On the Spring/Summer 2015 runways, London Burberry sent out lots of bright colours, but grouped them together, while at Calvin Klein Italo Zuchelli created lots of buzz with his hunky models in 'nude' beige tones. Tomas Maier took a similar approach with his neutral colours at Bottega Veneta. Some brands took it further and opted for all-white looks; from toothpaste-white bonded leather jackets at Neil Barrett to off-white tailoring paired with ice-white sportswear at Sergio Cornelliani.

Checks and stripes

Patterns arrived on the S/S 2015 runways in classic formulations: windowpane checks, monochrome plaids and pinstripes. Frida Giannini at Gucci described her naval-striped lads as 'decadent admirals' and her fellow Italian Giorgio Armani dressed his deckhands in sun lounger striped red casual jackets. Milanese upstarts MSGM also mixed checked patterns with sportswear. When it came to pinstripes, as usual, it was London that was most on point. Matthew Miller revisited the city's Savile Row heritage with his deconstructed tailoring and Jonathan Anderson riffed on a tongue-in-cheek version business casual by creating apron shapes from the classic gentleman's staple.

A touch of dandyism

With all the minimalism, tailoring and sporty elements going on, you might be forgiven for thinking that menswear is getting a bit boring. Worry not. The rock 'n' roll touches aren't this coming year's biggest trend, but there are splashes of fun to be had. Paul Smith, Dries Van Noten, and Valentino all created stunning silk prints in pants and shirts (often paired with more restrained tailoring) for Spring 2015. Van Noten's use of colour was restrained (he stuck to pale gold, red, burgundy and navy) but his use of Richard Haines' illustrated dancers was more than eye-catching enough.

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The back of the dress is where it's at. This year, elaborate detail and low-cut backs are for brides making a statement. SHUTTERSTOCK

What's trending for nuptials in 2015

Let's get innovative.
For a personal touch, couples get creative with desserts and decor

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

Ensuring guests feel welcome attending your nuptials has become as important to planning a wedding as the bride's maid dresses.

"More focus is on the guests' experience and how their family and friends will see and feel at the event," said Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada Inc.

Another trend? Making your wedding as personally yours as possible. "Couples are personalizing every aspect of their weddings," added Soha Lavin, a wedding planner with Vancouver's CountDown Events Planning & Design. "They want to represent their personal taste and lifestyle and make a statement to their family and friends."

Here's what else you can expect in the weddings of 2015.

The decor

Linens and lighting are playing a big part in decor.

"Couples are thinking of the look and feel of the linen fabrics. Metallic, silks, overlays, and embellishments make a dramatic impact at the table, and lighting can take it over the top to soften a room, hide any worn or drab-looking spaces and take the evening from one chapter to the next," said Manailescu. And seating styles are also evolving to show off those lovely linens.

"We've seen the use of regal long tables become more popular and I believe this will continue because clients are wanting a more inclusive setting," said Lavin.

And when it comes to floral touches, guests are likely to spot more loose and romantic styles of bouquets. "And centrepieces are switching to lower arrangements on the tables, which are great for guests to see and speak with each other," said Manailescu. "And personalized embellishments added to the bouquets, such as photos or mementos."

The cakes

Forget your usual three-tiered confection. "This year we will see an increase in fun dessert stations such as sundae bars, doughnut stations, pies, dessert bars, as well as having the traditional wedding cake," said Manailescu.

And ... the dresses

This year, brides will think backwards about their dresses. "The backs of wedding dresses are really making statements this year. So lower backs with lace cut-outs, sexy silhouettes and, for a different twist, shorter knee-length dresses are coming back for the brides who want to show off their fun side," Manailescu noted.

On the plate

Forget rubber chicken. Foodies alike are raising the bar on their wedding dinners. Trends include:

- Small tasting plates or specialty food stations (to encourage guests to mingle).
- More family-style service at the tables, again to gently nudge guests to interact with one another.

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Saving money on certain parts of a wedding can allow you to splurge on other aspects, such as flowers. SHUTTERSTOCK

Align your budget and your special day

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Given the cost of your average wedding, it's no surprise that brides are looking for ways to get the biggest bang for their buck.

We asked Amanda Douglas, a Winnipeg-based event and wedding planner of Amanda Douglas Events, for her recommendations on budgeting and saving for the big day.

1 Create an itemized list. Go online and look for good wedding budget templates that list every item you will be spending on, then merge the list so you have as complete a picture as possible. "There are so many little things couples don't often think about — taxes and gratuities for the venue and meals, alterations on the dress, gifts for wedding party and tips for vendors are common ones," Douglas said.

2 Set a budget. Figure out how much you have to spend and what you want your budget to be. "Most brides have a number in their head, but that might not match with the dream wedding they want," Douglas said.

3 Research costs in the area. "Often, brides make the mistake of going online and budgeting their wedding based on U.S. websites," Douglas said. "Make sure you get quotes from local vendors."

4 Set realistic expectations. Now it's time to make sure your dream wedding and your budget start to align. You may have to lower your expectations or increase your budget — usually a little of both.

5 Look for ways to save. "Figure out what's most important to you," Douglas said. "If it's flowers, for example, look for ways to save on stationary, desserts and decor so you can spend more on your flowers." Also, cut back on items that will have the least impact on the outcome of your wedding — maybe you can do without premium liquor or special lighting, for example. "The fastest way to lower your costs is to shop around for a less expensive venue or cut back on the number of guests." Remember, too, that Friday or Sunday weddings can be less expensive than Saturday.

6 Finally. Work out all these details before you start spending to keep your budget on track.

Let the crowd help fund your wedding

With an unexpected job opportunity in United Arab Emirates, Veronica Ramshaw and her fiancé, Jon, had to suddenly move up their wedding plans. Their small church wedding was going to cost $3,000, so they decided to try crowdfunding in hopes to raise the funds they needed. Not only did they meet their goal, they exceeded it.

Crowdfunding is the easiest way to collect cash gifts from your wedding guests.

"You can have multiple campaigns for different parts of your wedding, like the bachelor party or the honeymoon, as well as wedding gifts," said Tim Ryan, country manager for Canada of Tilt.com, a crowdfunding website.

"We have a website and a mobile version. You come up with your idea, decide how much you want to collect, and in a couple steps on our website, your campaign is up and running. Then just send the link to your friends and family. Tilt.com just makes it easy for people to give you money they were going to give you anyway."

"Our friends and family absolutely blew me away with their incredible generosity," Ramshaw said. "I had been hoping we might hit $1,000. In the end, including people who donated to the campaign after our wedding, 41 people donated $3,265."

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Vow to find a perfect spot

Destination: Married. Make your wedding day a memorable adventure with friends and family

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According to Wedding Bells magazine's 2014 Trend Report, 15 per cent of Canadian brides are planning on having a destination wedding. SHUTTERSTOCK

For many, exchanging vows on a beach at sunset in a hot climate is the definition of a dream wedding.

According to Wedding Bells magazine's 2014 Trend Report, 15 per cent of Canadian brides are planning on having a destination wedding. The magazine also notes that the total number of destination weddings has more than doubled since 2009.

"Destination weddings used to be a rare occurrence," said Soha Lavin, a wedding planner with Vancouver's Countdown Events Planning & Design. "But now, more and more of our couples are holding destination weddings in the most convenient manner to ensure all of their loved ones can attend."

"We are definitely seeing an increase in these types of weddings," said Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada Inc. (WPIC) "Some of our WPIC alumni have switched to only working with couples having destination weddings."

Where to go?

Mexico, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic are always favourites, Manailescu said.

"They're easy for guests to travel to for larger wedding parties and cost-effective," she said.

However, couples are also becoming more and more interested in Europe.

"Italy, Greece, and Spain are hot because of their stunning views and architecture, memorable adventures, and great food and wines," Manailescu said.

Lavin also said Maui and California have piqued some of her clients' imagination.

How should you pick?

First of all, are there any destinations that have a special meaning to you?

Another major factor in choosing your destination is whether it's easy and affordable to travel to.

"So you need to find out: Do guests need to switch planes and take long shuttle rides to get to the location?" Manailescu said. "If the resort or hotel is expensive, the couple should look for alternative locations for guests to stay and then provide day passes for the wedding festivities."

Also don't forget to consider health and safety concerns — keep up-to-date on travel advisories via the Canadian government. (travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories)

Finally, if you have selected your resort, do your homework and find out if there is any construction or repairs going on that may hinder wedding-related activities.

Get a little help

Is there too much to think about? Professional wedding planners and agents aren't just helpful, they are knowledgeable, too.

"Consider a licensed travel agent as they will provide guidance and be in the loop with any changes or information affecting travel," Manailescu said. "And a WPIC-certified wedding co-ordinator can help liaise between venue, vendors and keep on things such as marriage licenses, time restrictions, venue co-ordinators and more."

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Who should you invite?

Making and sticking to a guest list can prove to be a hurdle for both the bride and groom and their families. SHUTTERSTOCK

You are hoping for a small, intimate wedding with only close friends and family. But by the time your parents are done with the guest list and your future in-laws have taken a crack at it, your guest list is suddenly swelling to more than 200 invitees.

"Couples struggle with this all of the time," said Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada Inc. "Family really plays a big role in this. Sometimes the parents feel that they need to have all of the family and friends present at their children's weddings."

And adding to the guest list is the one of the fastest ways to drive up the wedding cost. So what should you do?

Talk with your parents

"I always recommend that my couples have a heart-to-heart with their parents, and ask for two or three things that are deal breakers for them," Manailescu said.

And it's often through these conversations that not only issues around the guest list comes up, but other areas of the wedding in which the parents are interested.

"What cultural aspects and traditions must be upheld to keep the family peace, and which ones can be left out, for example?" Manailescu said. "Parents want to feel part of the planning and ensure that values and traditions are upheld for respect and family dynamics for harmony."

Also, put it back on the parents if they do start inviting the whole family tree.

"If the parents are willing to pay for these extra guests, then, maybe, to keep the peace, this is what the couple must do," Manailescu said.

Where to put the guests?

What do you do, though, when you have a table of guests who are virtual strangers?

"Use ice breakers at the table," Manailescu said. "Sometimes couples will have questions or games laid out to get everyone talking."

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK/FOR METRO

Cookbook of the Week

A tangy approach

If you reach for a slice of key lime pie rather than sweet cake, Pucker by Gwendolyn Richards is for you. But using lemons, grapefruits and limes in the kitchen extends well past desserts. Richards' book also includes 100 recipes for drinks, salads, sides, breakfasts and mains. Recipes include Moroccan Stew with Preserved Lemon, Citrus-Braised Pork Shoulder Tacos, Lemon Chicken and Flourless Chocolate-Lime Cake. METRO

A little lemony zip goes a long way

Main or side dish. This Barley Risotto with Lemon, Leeks and Peas isn't traditional, and that's a good thing

"It may be cheeky to call this a risotto since the traditional version uses rice, but the cooking technique is the same," writes Gwendolyn Richards in Pucker.

"The barley gets just as creamy as it cooks slowly with broth, but still stays a bit chewy for a much heartier dish. I like this with a lot of lemon zip, so I add the full tablespoon of lemon juice. Sprinkle some roughly chopped basil overtop just before serving for a bit more green and a herbal hit. This dish is excellent with roasted or pan-seared chicken."

Ingredients

- 3 cups (750 ml) chicken stock
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 3 medium leeks, white and pale green parts thinly sliced, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) salt
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 ml) pearl barley
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) dry white wine
- 3/4 cup (185 ml) fresh or frozen peas
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) whipping cream
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 to 1 tbsp (7.5 to 15 ml) lemon juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated
- Parmesan, plus more for sprinkling

1. In a small saucepan set over medium heat, bring the chicken stock to a low simmer. Keep it barely simmering as you prepare the risotto.

2. In a large saucepan set over medium heat, warm the oil and butter until the butter starts to foam slightly. Add the leeks and salt and sauté, stirring occasionally, until the leeks are softened, 2 to 3 minutes, then add the garlic and cook until it's fragrant, about a minute more. Stir in the pearl barley, mixing it with the leeks and garlic until each grain is coated and shimmering with the oil and butter and is slightly toasted, about 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in the white wine and stir until most of it is absorbed.

3. Begin adding the simmering stock, about half a cup (125 ml) at a time, stirring often and waiting until most of the liquid has been absorbed before adding more. It should take 4 to 5 minutes for the barley to soak up the liquid between additions. If it's taking a lot less time than that, reduce the heat. If it's taking more, turn up the heat.

4. Just after the last bit of stock has been added, stir in the peas. Add the cream, lemon zest, 1/2 a tablespoon (7.5 ml) of lemon juice and the Parmesan, then stir gently until everything is mixed together. Taste for seasonings, and add the rest of the lemon juice if desired. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan just before serving. RECIPE FROM PUCKER: A COOKBOOK FOR CITRUS LOVERS BY GWENDOLYN RICHARDS (WHITECAP, 2014

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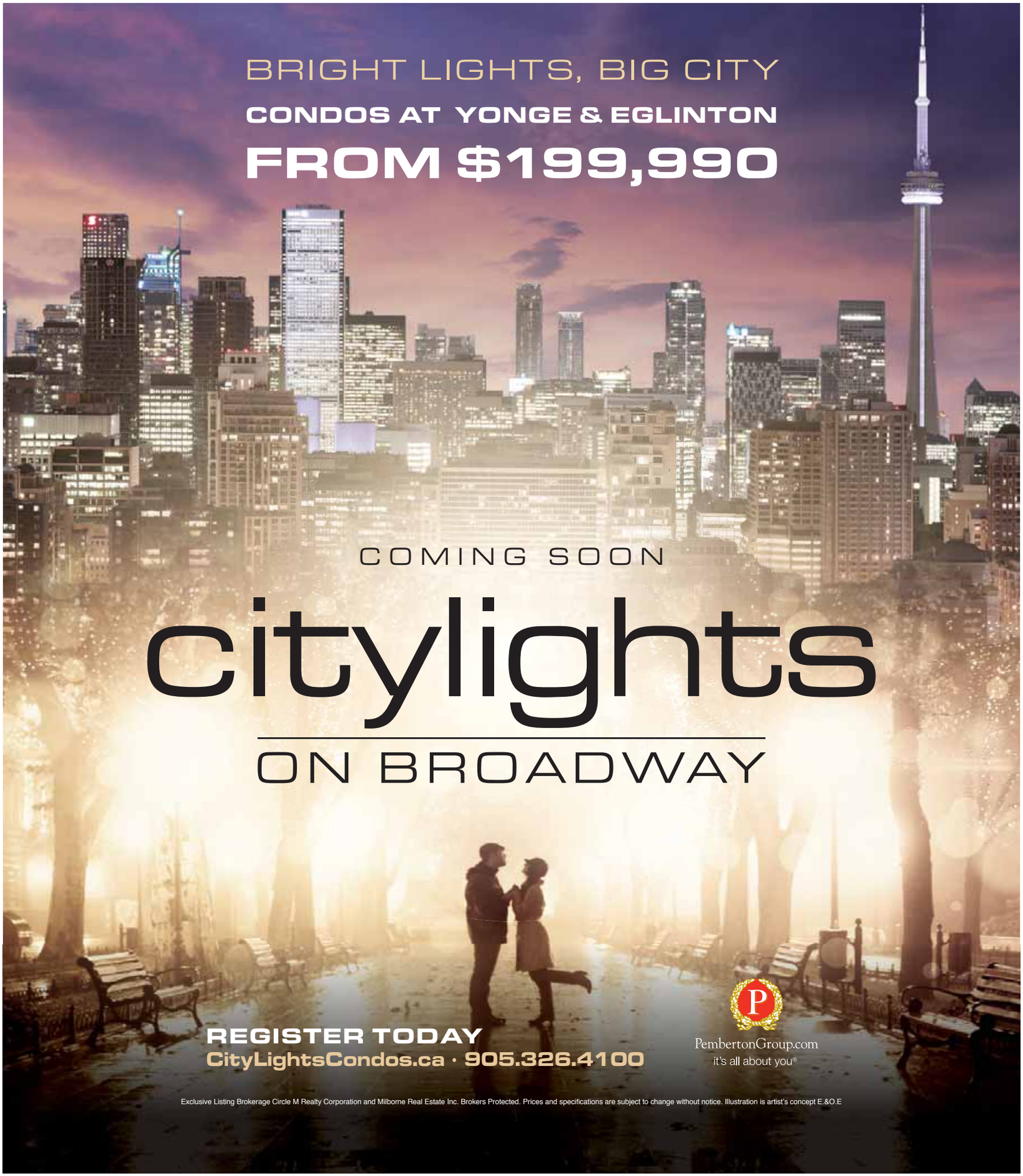
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Legal Matters

To transfer or not to transfer rental properties

I own a few properties that I rent out and make a decent amount of income from. Basically they are downtown condos that students and young professionals are interested in renting, and they make fairly good tenants. I decided I wanted to purchase another rental property and put in an offer with a condition on financing. When I went to my bank, they said that I was too highly leveraged and that if I encountered three of four empty properties for any length of time that there would be trouble. I have never missed a mortgage payment and was kind of angry that they would deny me further financing. Someone suggested that I could buy more by putting my properties into a company. Can I transfer them into my numbered company and therefore allow more property purchases?

LEGAL MATTERS
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Your question is really good, but somewhat complicated. First, you can't just transfer properties that are mortgaged without the consent of the financial institution. The reason you were denied financing could be for a number of reasons. Typically, financial institutions will only calculate 50 per cent of the rental income into the cash flow. Also, depending on your employment status or that of any dependents, various factors could adversely affect your ability to carry more debt. There are multiple reasons why you may have been turned down.

Transferring the properties into your corporation also presents problems. There are the issues of market value transferring, capital gains attribution on disposition and the bank seeing through the corporate veil with you as the underlying shareholder (thereby putting you in the position of a guarantor and back in the same position you were when you owned the properties personally).

In all, the ownership of income properties and transferring to or from personal holdings and/or corporations is a complex matter for which you should obtain tax and legal advice before you make a strategic mistake. Good luck.

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Direct PATH connection a condo plus

Selling point. Access to underground pedestrian walkway offers cachet

CONDO TRENDS
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More and more condos are offering a direct, underground connection to the subway, like the condominium residences at 8 Park Road that connect to the Hudson's Bay Centre and Bloor TTC platform. DUNCAN MCALLISTER

This week's blustery winter weather has people thinking it sure would be great to step out of their condo sans boots, hats and coats. Imagine taking the elevator and being directly connected to Toronto's subterranean network of climate-controlled, pedestrian walkways and transit platforms. Condos connected to the PATH system are highly desirable and appeal to people who work in the downtown core.

Brian Persaud, author of Investing in Condos, talks about the importance of the PATH to the appreciation of downtown condos. "A direct connection to the PATH system is a great selling feature. Both buyers and investors see the cachet of giving residents the ability to move to and from work without ever having to face the elements."

Persaud points to projects like Maple Leaf Square, with its two towers directly connected to the Air Canada Centre and the PATH via Union Station. "There's some interesting ones like Eight Hillcrest, where it's connected right to North York Centre station. You can go in your shirt and end up at Union Station." he says.

Roland Rom Colthoff is the principal of RAW Design and lead architect for Totem condos, a new midrise development on Dundonald Street. The building is situated next to the Wellesley subway platform, and developer Worsley Urban Partners took advantage of the TTC's plans to add a second exit.

"We're actually introducing the TTC directly into our building and making that entrance part of our structure. The entrance will be entirely public; the TTC is going to come up inside the envelope of the heritage structure," explains Colthoff. "That's a real incentive for the city and the TTC. They will save a number of millions of dollars because they don't have to build their own access, they can use ours."

Other examples of connected condos include the two landmark towers of Bazis' E Condos, at the corner of Yonge and Eglinton, that will feature direct access to the subway and the Yonge Eglinton Centre. The 78-storey Aura at College Park is directly connected, through it's retail podium, to a myriad of underground shops and services, and through College Park to the TTC College subway station.

And Menkes' new Harbour Plaza condos in the South Core district, although still under construction, has already opened their well-lit, glass-enclosed pedestrian bridge running underneath the Gardiner Expressway that will connect residents to Union Station and the PATH.

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Meet the condo

- **What.** Anchors at Lakeview
- **Builder.** Dunsire Developments
- **Architect.** Avtech
- **Location.** Lakeshore Road in Mississauga
- **Building.** Two buildings with 72 and 24 units
- **Sizes.** From 549 to 1,491 sq. ft.
- **Pricing.** From $233,990 to $617,990
- **Suites.** 96 units in total with one, two and three floors
- **Status.** Pre-construction
- **Website.** anchorsatlakeview.com

Project overview

A new urban townhome community by Dunsire Developments is situated at the entrance to the future site of Inspiration Lakeview, Mississauga's grand waterfront redevelopment plan. Anchors boasts a contemporary, functional design enhanced by spacious rooftop terraces and balconies.

Location and transit

Anchors is situated in the heart of Lakeview in Mississauga. Anchors East sits within walking distance from the Longbranch GO rail station, which gets you into downtown Toronto to within an hour. Motorists have quick access to the Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 427.

Building amenities

The community will feature a children's play area, included lockers, underground parking and spacious rooftop terraces. The towns feature open balconies or terraces with sliding glass doors and an interior courtyard green space.

In the neighbourhood

Nearby are the Sherway Mall and Dixie Outlet Mall and a wide range of restaurants, cafés and foodmarts. The buildings are surrounded by green spaces, including Marie Curtis Park, two golf courses, the Port Credit Yacht Club and waterfront trails and parks.

Associate Awards

Home building winners

BRYAN TUCKEY
President and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) can be found at twitter.com/bildgta, facebook.com/bildgta, and bildblogs.ca.

Building a home is a collaborative effort that goes beyond land-use policies and building permits. Just visit any construction site and see for yourself — you'll immediately notice a team of dedicated professionals working together toward a common goal.

BILD recently recognized three member companies for their commitment to quality, service, professionalism, leadership and innovation when working with a builder or renovator at our annual Associate Awards.

Unlike BILD's other award programs, Associate Awards nominees are evaluated by their clients as opposed to a judging panel.

I love reading some of the positive comments about our associate members from builders and renovators. It really speaks to the quality and professionalism that they bring to the table every day, which is very important to know as president and CEO of an association.

The Manufacturer/Supplier of the Year award was presented to Sun-Brite Drapery. This is the second associate award for the company, who won previously in 2012. In business for over 40 years, Sun-Brite is well known in the industry, servicing their valued retail clients and working alongside high-profiled designers and builders throughout the GTA.

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The award for Service Professional of the Year was captured by Avid Ratings Canada. The company is a full-service customer loyalty management firm, providing enterprise-level surveys, organizational strategies, employee training and proprietary solutions.

I'd like to congratulate all the winners and finalists and thank them for their hard work in 2014. Your contribution to the home-building process is integral to the continued growth and prosperity of the GTA.

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How to decorate an open-plan space at home

Designer tips. Our design expert explains how to give your open-concept home a seamless flow

I recently purchased a two-level small townhouse that has an open layout. I am attempting to decorate the main floor space. Any tricks or hints? — Rob, Halifax

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Choosing an open concept kitchen/living space is a great option for young families (where parents are in the kitchen and children are in the living space); folks who entertain in a big way (since most parties end up in the kitchen, anyway); or people who want to make a small home feel more spacious.

Here are a few rules to follow if you want each area's decor to flow easily.

Choose one look

Your kitchen's esthetic should be similar to the living space. For example, if you have modern furnishings in the living/dining area, then the kitchen should have cabinetry, counters and finished that mimic that modern feel.

Divide without walls

There should be a visual divider between the living area for entertaining and kitchen area for cooking. A kitchen work island, desk or table with chairs should be used as a barrier to the working area of the kitchen. This helps to visually keep the fun and games in the living area and the working kitchen functioning smoothly and safely.

Sliding barn-style doors are a great way to keep offices and dens open to the rest of the house yet offer privacy when needed.

Keep flooring similar

Flooring should flow from one area to another without jarring the eye with light then dark tones. For example, having medium wood toned flooring in your living space, then a medium brown stone in the foyer, a similar tone of brown in the kitchen tile and a similar colour of broadloom for a den area will create the feeling of one large floor space.

A foyer carpet runner should take its cue for colour and pattern from larger area rugs in other areas throughout the open-concept space.

Match up the details

Window treatments, hardware metal tones and wall colours should also blend from one area to another in an open-concept home. Similar window shade styles and colours should be used throughout the main floor. The metallic colours and styles of doorknobs, cabinet hardware and lighting should all be co-ordinated, and paint colours also need to blend.

By decorating all the areas of your main floor as one large space, you will simplify the decorating process and create visual flow.

Orissa area rug (left), from $600, CrateAndBarrel.com; MSI's Mare Bianco 12x24 inch porcelain tile (above), $4 each, HomeDepot.ca

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Being consistent with colour and tones creates visual flow in open concept spaces. Antiqued Oak Iron Springs engineered wide plank flooring, $10 square foot, KentwoodFloors.com

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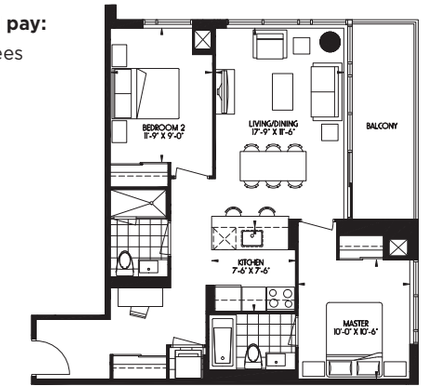

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The Raptors' DeMar DeRozan looks to pass the ball as 76ers Luc Mbah a Moute, right, and Michael Carter-Williams defend on Wednesday night at the Air Canada Centre. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

DeRozan provides Raps a jolt in return

NBA. All-star shows no rust from 21-game absence due to groin injury as Dinos beat up on hapless 76ers

His first points in nearly two months came just two minutes into Wednesday's game on a fadeaway jump shot — classic DeMar DeRozan.

The Raptors all-star scored a team-high 20 points to lead Toronto to a 100-84 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, showing little rust in his much-anticipated return from a groin injury.

Lou Williams finished with 19 points for Toronto (26-12), while Kyle Lowry had 18 points and 12 assists.

Michael Carter-Williams scored 29 points to top the Sixers (7-31).

DeRozan had missed 21 games with a torn groin tendon, suffered when driving to the basket on Nov. 28 versus Dallas.

His tiny daughter Diar, wearing a Raptors jersey — the back read "Mini DeRozan" — was there to watch her dad's return, which was good timing for a team that sorely needed him.

MoPete back at the ACC

Former NBA forward Morris Peterson made his debut with TSN's Toronto Raptors broadcast team Wednesday.

- The fan favourite, who spent seven seasons with the Raptors, will appear both in the TSN Studio and on-site at the Air Canada Centre.

The Raptors initially managed well without him, winning 11 of their first 15 games. But they dropped five of their last six, including Monday's 114-111 loss to Detroit. And looming Friday: the Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta Hawks.

The Air Canada Centre fans welcomed DeRozan back with a standing ovation when he was announced in the starting lineup, and again the first time he handled the ball — a shot that rimmed out. He would shoot 9-for-14 overall on the night in 29 minutes of floor time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brad Ross

Leafs prospect tests positive for banned substance

Toronto Maple Leafs prospect and Toronto Marlies forward Brad Ross was suspended 20 games by the American Hockey League on Wednesday for violating the terms of the league's new performance enhancing substances program.

The AHL did not reveal details about the violation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boxing

Pacquiao agrees to fight Mayweather, promoter says

Promoter Bob Arum says Manny Pacquiao has agreed to all terms for what would be boxing's richest fight ever, a bout with Floyd Mayweather Jr. that fans have been demanding for five years. The question now is whether the long-reluctant Mayweather will finally sign on the dotted line for what could be an astonishing $120-million payday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ryan rallying Bills

"We're going to be playing games in January and so forth. We're going to build a bully and we're going to see if you're going to play us for 60 minutes."

Buffalo Bills new coach Rex Ryan at his inaugural news conference with the team Wednesday.

Reports resurface of Duquette replacing Beeston

The rumour mill has heated up once again with reports of Orioles GM Dan Duquette linked to the Blue Jays president position. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rumours that the Toronto Blue Jays are pursuing Baltimore Orioles GM Dan Duquette as a replacement for team president and CEO Paul Beeston re-emerged Wednesday, with a series of conflicting reports from a variety of sources.

But as the speculation reached something of a fever pitch Wednesday evening, Orioles owner Peter Angelos vehemently shot down the reports.

"It's not going to happen," he told Dan Connolly of the Baltimore Sun. "He is our GM and he is going to remain our GM."

Angelos admitted to the paper that Jays' ownership, Rogers Communications, has expressed interest in Duquette.

"Which we understand, because Dan is an exceptional GM, but we're not in any negotiations with (them)."

Duquette, who previously served as GM of the Montreal Expos and Boston Red Sox, helped engineer the Orioles' much-heralded turnaround from perennial bottom feeder to contender and is under contract through 2018, a point Angelos has reiterated on several occasions.

On Wednesday, Fox Sports' Ken Rosenthal wrote on Twitter that while a deal wasn't close, the Jays and Orioles "have discussed" a compensation package that would release Duquette from his contract. Rosenthal has previously reported that Duquette wants the Jays' job and some people within the Orioles' organization want him to take it, describing the current situation as "uncomfortable." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

While New Jersey's Jozy Altidore, who will reportedly be performing a physical with Toronto FC on Thursday, has scored some big goals with the U.S. men's national team, he has found it hard to convert in England. He has just two goals in 68 games with Sunderland of the Premier League. MARK RUNNACLES/GETTY IMAGES

Sources: Altidore set to arrive in Toronto

MLS. TFC, Sunderland strikers will switch sides depending on arcane allocation process

As the Jermain Defoe era comes to an end for Toronto FC, Jozy Altidore's time in the city could start as soon as Thursday.

A day after Toronto agreed to sell the rights of Defoe to Sunderland AFC of the Premier League, there was still no official confirmation Wednesday from either club.

As part of the reported $11-million deal, Toronto is hoping to get Altidore, a veteran U.S. national team striker, back from Sunderland. To do that, though, he needs to go through the sometimes-Byzantine MLS allocation process for U.S. national players or ex-MLS players returning to the league.

Truth about Defoe

"When he was motivated and focused and healthy, he was for me the best player in the league, the best striker in the league."

TFC GM Greg Vanney on Jermain Defoe

According to The Canadian Press, Altidore is arriving in Toronto Thursday to undergo a physical, with a contract to be signed, assuming he passes.

In theory, the five teams above Toronto in the allocation rankings could claim Altidore if he returns to the MLS. If that happened, it's unclear exactly what the impact would be on the Defoe transfer.

Wednesday afternoon, officials from TFC and the MLS were meeting in Philadelphia ahead of Thursday's MLS Super-Draft.

If the deal does go through, TFC will be getting a player who's struggled to show the same form in England that he has with the U.S. national side.

"Altidore has had a miserable 18 months at Sunderland and it probably suits all parties if he moves on. Sunderland needs goals, too, so Defoe fits the bill," said Chris Young of the Sunderland Echo in an email.

In online forums and social media, Sunderland fans were even harsher about Altidore, who has 25 goals in 76 appearances with the U.S. national team. In 18 months with Sunderland, he has just one Premier League goal, earning him the cruel sobriquet "Antiscore."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Moving on

Jermain Defoe passed his physical and worked out with Sunderland Wednesday.

- "I felt so sharp," said Defoe. "All that hard work has paid off. I can't wait to start scoring goals for Sunderland."
- "Everybody knows how much I love English football and I still feel that I have a lot to offer."
- The anger at Defoe seems more motivated by the "It's a Bloody Big Deal" campaign Toronto ran around Defoe's arrival — a full-on marketing campaign that, like the team, did not deliver.

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Immovable Messi?

"For any club thinking of buying Messi, there would be some eye-watering numbers to consider. There are only a few clubs that have such deep pockets."

London-based sports lawyer Daniel Geey who listed Chelsea, Manchester United and Bayern Munich as clubs who might have the financial muscle to land Lionel Messi, should the global superstar choose to leave Barcelona. There are four years left on Messi's contract and a 250 million-euro ($295-million) buyout clause. Messi would also command an annual gross salary of 50 million euros ($59 million).

MLB

SS Escobar's stay with A's short lived

The Nationals have acquired former Blue Jays infielder Yunel Escobar from the Athletics for all-star reliever Tyler Clippard.

The teams announced the deal Wednesday.

The A's picked up Escobar and Ben Zobrist from Tampa Bay on Saturday.

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Wilson 'doesn't fit the mould' of a typical QB

Of the four quarterbacks still playing on championship weekend, Seattle's Russell Wilson is the outlier in terms of style.

Tom Brady, Andrew Luck and Aaron Rodgers all have their quarterbacking foundations built around being pocket passers first. Luck and Rodgers — when healthy — both bring an element of mobility, but it's not their forte.

Wilson? Well, good luck defining the way he operates.

"He doesn't fit the mould of anything I thought previously would be a franchise quarterback. I think he still gets a lot of hate and discredit because we don't throw the ball that often. However, what he's asked to do in this offence he does it extremely well," Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin said.

Headed into Sunday's NFC championship game against Green Bay, Wilson's post-season achievements can't be disputed even if he doesn't fit any preconceived notions.

"I think one of the things that definitely allows me to play well is the guys around me. I've got great guys around me, guys that want to work every day, guys that are devoted to being successful and no matter what it takes," Wilson said.

Russell Wilson might not be your typical pocket-passing QB, but he's still one of the NFL's best playoff performers and will be a handful for Green Bay Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Passer rating

109.6

After six playoff games — five of them victories — Russell Wilson has the highest passer rating in NFL history with a minimum of 150 attempts. Wilson's mark of 109.6 is at the top. He's one of five players in league history with a playoff passer rating of 100 or above. The others are: Aaron Rodgers, Bart Starr, Kurt Warner and Drew Brees.

Packer in pain

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers was limited in practice on Wednesday with a left calf injury as the Green Bay Packers prepare for Seattle in the NFC title game.

- **Rodgers says he was able to do a little more than last week, when he missed the first day of practice preparing for the Dallas Cowboys.**
- **Dallas Cowboys.** Rodgers has played well despite the injury that has bothered him for the past month. The Packers are returning to Seattle for the first time since a 36-16 loss in the season opener.

"I think that when you're in those moments, you either live for them or you fall off."

There's also the matter of how Wilson plays when it matters most. He already owns 14 career comebacks in 54 regular-season and playoff games combined.

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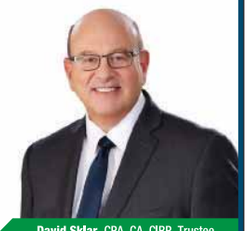

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March 21 - April 20
The best way to get what you want is to pull strings behind the scenes. If you tackle issues head-on today you may find yourself up against people who are stronger — and you'll lose.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't worry too much if you fall out with a friend today because it's really no big deal. It could even be beneficial in that you may need to clear the air.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Winning may not be everything but it isn't nothing either. If you get the chance to be number one today, take it. Mars in the career area of your chart makes it easy to be assertive.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may be short of cash but you can still find ways to get what you want. If you can't satisfy your needs one way you will satisfy them another – and it won't cost you a cent.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If someone annoys you today you won't hesitate to challenge them. The bad news is they could turn out to be a tougher nut to crack than you expected.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
There is tension in the air and partners and colleagues could be difficult to deal with over the next 24 hours. Don't overreact and say or do things that make matters worse. It'll pass.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will have to do something you don't want to do today and most likely you will let everyone know — loudly — it isn't your idea of fun. Be professional.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are in one of your assertive moods today. Just be careful you don't annoy someone whose cooperation you may need in the near future.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Don't try too hard to keep your emotions bottled up because it will be better for your health if you let your feelings show. You also need to prove that you are not intimidated by people who throw their weight around.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Travel and social activities are well starred right now but don't stray too far in the wrong direction. It's one thing to be adventurous but quite another to be foolhardy.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't push yourself too hard over the next 24 hours. Some days were made for taking it easy and the planets indicate that this is one of them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
With Mars in your sign you refuse to accept second best. But as Mars squares up to limitations planet Saturn today recognize that authority figures need to be respected.

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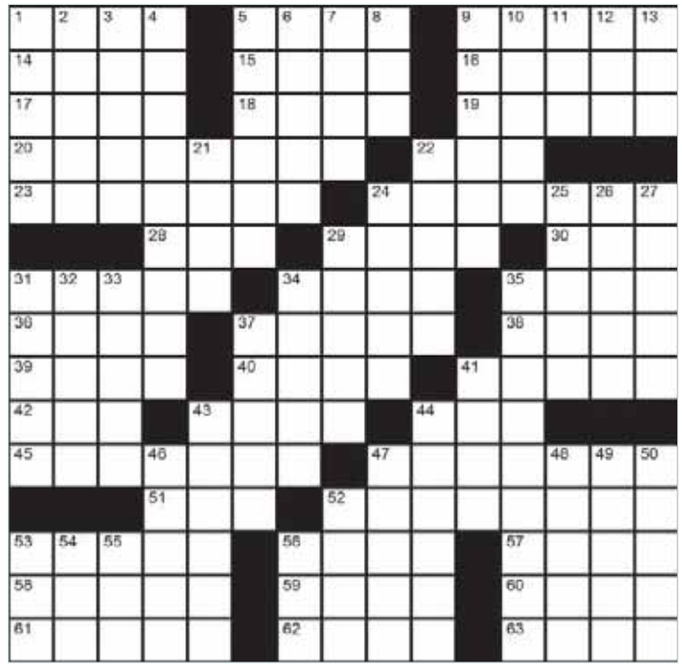

Across

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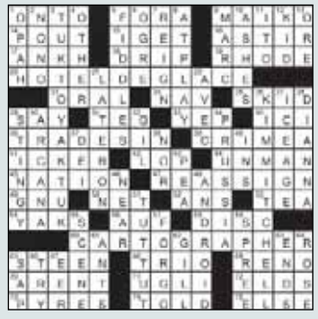
5. Breakfast's yellow circle
9. Overeat
14. Kinks tune
15. The Secret World __ __ (1961 Pierre Berton children's book)
16. Wickerwork material
17. Triumph's "Lay __ __ the Line"
18. ET-piloted crafts
19. Nintendo enthusiast
20. Elusive treasure site on the Mahone Bay island at #22-Across: 2 wds.
22. Nova Scotia-based History Channel show, "The Curse of __ Island"
23. Principle
24. Cartoon-turned-movie-of-1997 starring Leslie Nielsen: 2 wds.
28. Polloi's partner
29. Ancient garment
30. Oprah's __! moment
31. Tennis great Mr. Becker
34. Prefix to 'legal'
35. Concert headliner
36. Figure skating jump
37. Compare
38. Study carefully, __ over
39. Orange part
40. One-and-onlys, once
41. Divulged
42. Tribute type
43. Chicoutimi 'corn'
44. "In __ Shoes" (2005)
45. 1980s music genre: 2 wds.
47. St-__ Bagel, in Montreal
51. Johnny Mathis' "Chances __"
52. Janis sang about a 'dirty red' one, variantly
53. Be appreciative
56. __ Kong
57. Loonie, for one
58. Role for Canuck comic Mike
59. Musicals lyricist Tim
60. Voltaire play
61. Tragically Hip's "__ by a Century"
62. Toboggan
63. Bible pronoun

Down

1. Bowl game airship
2. Detroit aka The __ City
3. Solo
4. As per #46-Down...
Timmins
10. City of Honshu in Japan
11. The Pacific __
12. "Golly."
13. Drift
21. Beefeaters, briefly
22. __ donor
24. Traditions
25. Swamp snapper, shortly
26. Windy City airport
27. Paddled
29. Moviemaking units
31. Aristocrat
32. Iron __ (Rusty stuff)
33. Don't let the membership expire
34. __ cut (Short hairstyle)
35. Mascot of the Ottawa Senators
37. Bequeath
41. Rosary piece
43. Checked, as test papers
44. Attached, door-style
46. "Don't __ Fall in Love" (Hit tune written by #4-Down)
47. "The Legend of Bagger __" (2000)
48. Cain's biblical son
49. Amalgamate
50. Montreal-based jazz vocalist Ms. Lee
52. Swelter
53. Ex-airline
54. Defiant laugh!
55. Mariner's assent
56. Time segments [abbr.]
Toronto-born singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
5. Montreal Canadiens mascot!
6. "Oh, come __ __."
(Let's be real)
7. Ransack
8. Canada's version of lbs.
9. Northeastern Ontario: Community between Sudbury and

Yesterday's Crossword



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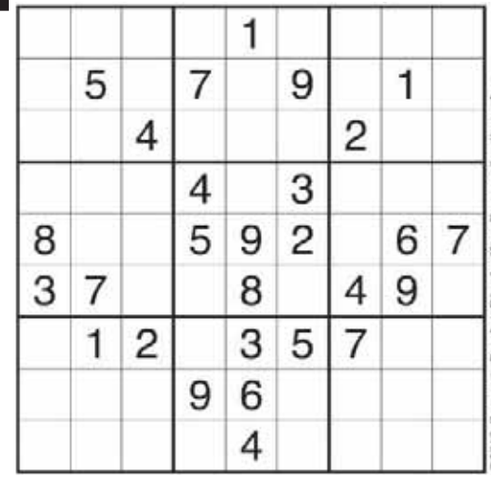

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9	1	5	7	3	8	4	6	2
8	4	2	9	5	6	7	3	1
7	3	6	2	1	4	9	5	8
2	5	3	1	8	7	6	4	9
4	8	9	5	6	3	1	2	7
6	7	1	4	2	9	3	8	5
1	2	7	3	4	5	8	9	6
3	9	8	6	7	2	5	1	4
5	6	4	8	9	1	2	7	3

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